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Ox Tongue and Spinach.

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Oyster Patties.
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SALADS.

Crab Mayonnaise.

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Beef an' Yorkshire Pudding.
Stuffed Turkey, Cranberry Sauce.
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BRITAIN AND RUSSIA.

Conference Proposed to Avoid Dangerous Rivalry as to Interests in China.

The British to Give Japan Only Moral Support at Present—United States Position.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A despatch to the Daily Chronicle from Rome says it is rumored there that owing to her obligations to Germany, Italy has declined England's proposal for common action in the Far East, including a joint occupation of Chusan. It is also asserted that England has proposed to Russia a conference on the Chinese question with a view of avoiding dangerous rivalry.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail says: The Chinese government is helpless. It is mobilizing a few troops under the least capable generals who conducted the campaign against Japan. The British fleet is at present at sea.

The Daily Chronicle says this morning it has good reason to believe that the government has decided upon a waeching policy and will refrain from occupying any Chinese territory, but it will give its moral support to Japan and distinct warnings to China concerning England's action in certain contingencies. It is understood, says the Daily Chronicle, that Japan will protest in the strongest manner against Germany's action; while diplomatic circles ridicule the idea of a Russo-German entente concerning China.

A special dispatch from Paris says: "The French cruiser Potheau has been ordered to prepare for service in Chinese waters. The Potheau is a first-class cruiser of over 5,000 tons displacement and 10,000 indicated horse power. She is classed as having a speed of 19 knots, and carries two 7-inch guns, ten 5 inch quick-firing guns and eighteen small quick-firing guns.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—The press is evidently deeply interested as to the attitude Great Britain and the United States are likely to adopt in the Chinese affair. Every attempt is being made to create ill-feeling against England and to represent her as isolated.

The official newspapers pretend that Japan has acquiesced in the German and Russian moves, and will take no aggressive action. Everything indicates the anxiety that hinges upon the ultimate grouping of the powers. Japan's action in withdrawing her protest with reference to the course of the United States at Hawaii is interpreted as showing a desire to be unencumbered abroad, and to have her hands free to deal with the Chinese question.

The Berliner Tageblatte ridicules the idea of an Anglo-Japanese-American alliance, and yet seems to fear it. The Kolonische Zeitung thinks that America will side with Russia, leaving England in "splendid isolation." The National Zeitung says that it is easy to believe that England would welcome active steps on the part of the United States, but hard to believe that the United States would adopt a policy of friendship towards England and of hostility towards Russia, contrary to all its traditions, for the sake either of England or China.

CARDINAL VAUGHAN.

The Duke of Norfolk Has Not Urged His Admission to the House of Lords.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Lord Salisbury, in reply to an inquiry in Manchester, has written that he had not heard the report that the Duke of Norfolk, postmaster-general, had approached him with the view of obtaining the admission of Cardinal Vaughan to the House of Lords. Lord Salisbury adds that the report is absolutely unfounded.

KRUGER FEARS RHODES.

The Transvaal President Apprehensive as to the Destiny of Delagoa Bay.

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 24.—President Kruger, in the course of a speech at Krugersdorp, on Tuesday, dwelt on the danger of the so-called constitutional methods of Hon. Cecil Rhodes, and upon the importance of keeping out of Mr. Rhodes' clutches Delagoa Bay, which the President characterized as "the Transvaal's only gateway to the sea."

GOLD STANDARD FOR INDIA.

Bengal Chamber of Commerce Asks That the Currency Suspense Be Thus Terminated.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 24.—The Bengal chamber of commerce has sent an address to the government urging that the time has arrived to adopt the gold standard, pointing out that it is four years since the mints closed, leaving India without a currency system, asserting that the suspense is harmful to trade and urging the government to disclose any measures which it may have in contemplation.

TO BE MADE IN GERMANY.

Stearns Bicycle Patents Secured by a Manufacturer of Berlin.

SYRACUSE, N.Y., Dec. 24.—Richard Schwartz Kopf of Berlin, Germany, has completed negotiations with E. C. Stearns & Co. of this city by which he secures the use of their patents, patterns, machinery, etc., with which to equip a factory in Berlin and dispose of Stearns' wheels to the German and Australian trade. The business will be conducted on American lines and several Syracusans will go to Berlin and become heads of departments in the factory.

PORTUGUESE MASSACRED.

Natives Make It Interesting for a Colony on the Guinea Coast.

LISBON, Dec. 24.—An official despatch from St. Paul de Loanda, in Portuguese Lower Guinea, says that the natives of the Hume plateau in the Portuguese colony of Angola have massacred a Portuguese officer, a sergeant and twelve men. Reinforcements have been sent from St. Paul de Loanda.

Further advices announce that the officer is Count Almoster, a grandson of the Duke of Saldanha. The Portuguese killed and missing number twenty-one persons. The murderers were Hereoes and Ovampos tribesmen.

SMUGGLING OF DRUGS.

Ten Thousand Dollars Worth From Canada Seized in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.--Edgar P. Harris, a man about 48 years of age, was arraigned before United States Commissioner Morley yesterday charged with smuggling in drugs and rubber goods from over the Canadian border. The goods were seized at the home of the prisoner and are estimated to be worth nearly $10,000. The prisoner claimed he could produce vouchers from the National Express Company at the proper time to prove that duties were paid on them.

PARIS FORTS TO DISAPPEAR.

Present Sites to Be Sold and Money Spent on Ramparts Further Out.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The initial step has been taken in the long-projected demolition of the fortifications of the city. General Billot, minister of war, has introduced in the chamber of deputies a bill providing for the razing of part of the forts on the west side of the city and for selling the sites. It is estimated that the land will realize 150,000,000 francs, 60,000,000 francs of which will be devoted to the construction of a short rampart further out. The remainder of the proceeds will be expended on artillery.

JAPAN'S DEBT TO GERMANY.

It Is Increased by Recent Seizure of Chinese Territory—Intrigues of the Russians.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Commenting on the strained relations between Japan and Russia over Corea, the Chinese press reports that the Japanese army is full of Russian spies, disguised as Japanese, and that the Russian army is being tampered with by Japanese emissaries, who are doing all they can to stir up dissatisfaction among the soldiers.

"Japan is indebted to Germany in many ways," says the Chugai-Chugyo. "Her military organizations have been copied from Germany's, and her constitution and local legislature are founded on the German system; besides, in framing the laws and adopting medical science, etc., Japan owes a debt of gratitude to Germany. Lastly, Germany has now shown Japan another instance of her kindness. That is the seizure of Kiao Chau Bay. We need not dwell upon the particulars of her kindness here, but the seizure of Kiao Chau may give Japan the right of a permanent possession of Wei-Hai-Wei."

Cleveland Scorched.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 24. — Fire broke out in the business part of the city to-day and fanned by a high northwest wind destroyed property worth more than half a million dollars.

Fallen From Grace.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—William H. Kent, a well-known man of Brooklyn and prominent in Sunday schools and the organizer of the penny savings banks, is in jail in Brooklyn, having been arrested on a warrant charging him with forgery. Assistant District Attorney Caldwell stated that Kent had taken no less than $40,000 from his clients.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25 cents. x

CHICAGO FIRE HORROR.

The Great Coliseum Building and Contents Reduced to Cinders in Twenty Minutes.

Occupied by an Exposition and Side Shows and Many Lives Assuredly Lost.

Several Forms Seen in the Seething Furnace With No Chance of Escape.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The Coliseum, the great building at Sixty-third street and Stoney Island avenue, in which W. J. Bryan was nominated, was totally destroyed by fire to-night. The exhibits of the Illinois Manufacturers' Exposition, which was opened in the building recently, were totally destroyed. Two "Midway" dancers are reported to have been burned to death. While responding to the alarm engine No. 19 was struck by a train on the Lake Shore road and several firemen were badly hurt.

The fire was the quickest ever seen in Chicago. From the time it originated, by the crossing of two electric wires, until the Coliseum was a pile of twisted iron and hot brick was not more than 20 minutes.

The building was filled from end to end with bopths, all of which were destroyed with all their contents. It is supposed thrt a number of persons were lost in the flames, and although no bodies have been recovered, the following are missing and have undoubtedly perished:

A girl named Pauline, surname not known, seen to enter the burning building in search of her mother, who she said was imprisoned by the flames. The girl and her mother were employed in the Irish village, the former as a dancer and the latter doing chores.

Two women in the Midway exhibit, seen in the building before it collapsed.

Two men seen in the centre of the building by firemen during the fire.

L. Ladayne and his son, who conducted a sausage booth in the building. Ladayne entered the structure during the fire in search of his son, whom he feared was penned in by the flames, and neither has since been seen.

The number of injured is large. Many people have been severely burned.

The fire originated in a booth which was used for an exhibition of X-rays, the booth being managed by M. J. Morley and William Robertson. The two men were examining their Roentgen machine, when they were startled by a sizzling noise behind them, and upon turning saw a part of their exhibit ablaze. Crossed arc light wires which were over the exhibit are thought to have caused the flames. They at first tried to smother them, but before they had secured water the fire had spread throughout the entire booth. Morley, realizing that he and his partner would be unable to cope with the flames, made an endeavor to save some of the X-rays paraphernalia. Running to the machine he grasped two Crooks tubes, and then, with Robertson, began fighting his way out of the building. Before he reached an exit the tubes, which he held in both hands, exploded from the heat, severely burning him about the head. Robertson was burned about the face.

About 300 persons were present in the building at the time of the fire and at first alarm there was a rush for safety. Fortunately the aisles were wide and owing to the comparatively small number of people in the building there was little difficulty in reaching the doors.

Within ten minutes after the fire began the roof was ablaze, and in a very short time after the fire had appeared on the top of the building one of the large arches that spanned the building gave way with a tremendous report, and then another, each one with the sound like the report of a cannon. The building fell very quickly after the first arch went down, the weight being too great for the arches next to it, so that all collapsed.

CHIPPEWAS FOR KLONDYKE.

A Large Band Booked to Start From Wisconsin in January.

SOLON SPRINGS, Wis., Dec. 24.—A queer expedition will leave here in January for the Klondyke gold fields. It will consist of about 150 Chippewa Indians, all of whom live in this neighborhood. They will go under the leadership of a veteran warrior, Running Wolf, who has already been over the overland route which the expedition will take.

Gold pans at Cheapside. x

You will want a real Imported Havana Cigar

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A HOST OF RUSSIANS!

Quarters for Ten Thousand in Course of Preparation at Port Arthur.

Conflict Not Looked for but Britain and Japan to Make a Demonstration.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Russia, according to a special despatch from Shanghai, is preparing temporary headquarters for 10,000 troops at Port Arthur. She obtained a half promise from the grand council at Pekin to dismiss Sir Robert Hart, director of Chinese Imperial maritime customs, and other high customs officials in addition to the British railway officials and the German officers and instructors. Fifty of the latter received notice to-day that they would be paid off at the termination of their contracts.

Contrary to general report the despatch asserts that there is good reason to believe that Great Britain will actively oppose the Russian operations in Corea and Northern China.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—The Daily Mail publishes a despatch this afternoon from Tokio which, it claims, evaded active censorship. The despatch says: "England and Japan, without entering upon an actual alliance, have arrived at a complete understanding which will probably result in a joint naval demonstration at the entrance of the Gulf of Pechi Li.

"In diplomatic circles at Tokio the probability of a conflict is regarded as extremely distant."

THE MANITOBA SCHOOLS.

The Pope Advises the Catholics to Make the Best of a Bad Job.

ROME, Dec. 24.—The Pope's encyclical on the Manitoba school question is published here this evening. After reviewing the religious history of Canada and eulogizing its scholastic institutions, His Holiness expresses regret at the position taken seven years ago in Manitoba relative to Roman Catholic schools, and specifies the rights of Roman Catholics according to federal agreement. Continuing, the Pope condems the school systems based on religious neutrality, praises the zeal the bishops have displayed on the question, and regrets that all Roman Catholics are not equally united, owing to political passions. He admits that the authorities have done something to diminish the inconveniences in school legislation, but declares this to be inadequate, and exhorts Roman Catholics to persist in claiming all their rights, though they must not refuse any partial reparations obtainable, with a view to reduce the perils in the way of the education of youth.

In conclusion, the Pope in his encyclical says that in the event of these being unobtainable, Roman Catholics should provide their own schools, and adopt, under the guidance of their bishops, a programme of study in consonance with their religion and all literary and scientific progress.

DERVISHES OUT OF LUCK.

Posts Surprised by the Kassala Garrison and Many Slain.

SUAKIM, Dec. 24.—The native levies of the Kassala garrison surprised a dervish post at El Fasher, on the Atbara, on Wednesday, and drove out the dervishes with great loss, capturing the post, a number of camels, a quantity of stores and many cattle. Two dervish emirs were killed. The dervish post at Asabri has also been invaded.

TWO MILLIONS IN WHEAT.

St. Paul Operator Who Has Suddenly Made Enough to Retire Upon.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 24.—Mr. Charles A. Pillsbury, who is reported to have made $2,000,000 in wheat this year, has resigned the management of the English syndicate mills. It is said that he foresaw that there would be a big shortage of wheat in the Northwest early in August and when a little later it was rendered certain that fully 60 per cent. of the wheat of this section was below contract grade, he bought very heavily. He bought wheat all the way from 60 cents to 75 cents and sold from 80 cents to $1.02. Mr. Pillsbury feels well enough over his recent work to retire from active business.

DUTY ON FISH LIVERS.

United States Board of Appraisers Decides That the Canadian Article is Taxable.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—General Wilkinson, of the board of general appraisers, handed down an opinion to-day in the case of fish livers that establishes a precedent in favor of the American product against the Canadian output.

The case on which the decision was based was that of B. F. Pike and W. A. Colby of Eastport, Maine. They imported a lot of fish livers and under the Dingley bill, which proscribes that intestines, integuments and sounds of fish are admitted free, claimed absolution from duty.

The collector of the port assessed the livers ¾c. per pound, and the firm appealed. The board of appraisers upheld the collector, holding that fish livers do not come under the construction of intestines, integuments and sounds. This decision, it is understood, will be apt to raise the price of cod liver oil.

Boys' and Men's Sweaters, 75c., $1.00, $1.25 upwards. B. Williams & Co.

If you once try Carter's Little Liver Pills for sick headache, billiousness or constipation you will never be without them. They are purely vegetable, small and easy to take. Don't forget this.

CONGRESS AND THE AWARD.

Suggestion That Prompt Payment May Be Made to Further Other Negotiations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A despatch to the Tribune from London says: Officials at the foreign office do not conceal their gratification over the result of the sealing award since the amount of the indemnity awarded exceeds that which congress refused to pay. The English press has been constantly reproaching the Americans for not paying the bill of damages after the general decision of the Paris tribunal had gone against them. The charge of bad faith will be again revived if congress refuses to sanction the agreement reached by the sealing commissioners. Neglect on the part of congress to appropriate the money required in settling the compensation for the seizure of Canadian sealers would naturally increase the difficulty of adjusting the Behring sea question, and this is already serious enough.

The foreign office, which is now exposed to merciless criticism at home and abroad because of Britain's position of isolation and helplessness in dealing with the now mysterious Chinese question, would be glad to have this chief source of contention with America removed, but cannot act without the support of Canada, which is not willing to agree to the suspension of pelagic sealing and the preservation of the fur seal herd, unless a series of other contentious questions are taken up by the United States and disposed of. What is to be apprehended is diplomatic empasse with increased bitterness between two nations as a result.

Nevertheless the fact that two sealing conferences have been held, and that British and Canadian representatives have been compelled to recognize the justice of the American contention for the preservation of the fur seal herd, can hardly fail to be helpful to the Americans in the negotiations next year for a new modus vivendi under the Paris awards. The prompt settlement of the damages agreed upon by Justices Putnam and King will protect the chances of a reasonable adjustment of the chief question at issue. Otherwise the present regulations will remain in force indefinitely under the Paris award, or until experience shows that they will be inadequate for the protection of the seals.

ORANGEMEN CANNOT PARADE.

The Governor of Newfoundland Has Forbidden a Projected Procession.

ST. JOHN'S, Dec. 24.—The supporters of the Whitewayite party in Harbor Grace are hoping to embarass the government of Sir James Winter in connection with the projected parade of the Loyal Orange Association next Sunday. Sir Herbert Murray, the governor, has issued a proclamation forbidding the procession. The clergy of all denominations are denouncing this attempt to revive sectarian discord.

HERRING FISHERY GOOD.

Great Success of the Gloucester Fleet in Newfoundland Waters.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Dec. 24.—The latest news from the herring fishery in Placentia bay shows great success for the American fishing fleet. Seventeen Gloucester vessels have sailed with full cargoes and 37 are now loading. It will only require another night's frost to complete the loading of frozen herring. About 3,000 men are engaged in the fishery.

THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Invited to Gather at Montreal From All Over Canada.

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—(Special)—All the Catholic bishops of Canada have been invited to attend the anniversary service for the repose of the soul of Archbishop Fabre on January 4. It is the general impression that Mgr. Bruchesi will take advantage of the gathering to promulgate the Pope's encyclical on the Manitoba school question.

PROMINENT ORANGEMAN DEAD.

Ex-Grand Treasurer Anderson Found Lifeless on the Road.

BELLEVILLE, Dec. 24.—(Special)—Wm. Anderson, ex-M.P.P. for Prince Edward, was found dead last night on the road near the home of a Mr. Lashburg. He had attended a Christmas party near by. He was a prominent Patron, and for many years was Grand Treasurer of the Orange lodge of British North America.

A HOSPITAL ABLAZE.

Wilkins Wing at Kingston Sustains Ten Thousand Dollars' Damage.

KINGSTON, Dec. 24.—(Special)—Fire broke out in Wilkins wing at the General hospital and did great damage before it was subdued. Loss, $10,000. The building was a gift from the late John Wilkins. The fire originated in the St. George's (children's) ward by the blazing up of a pot of hot beeswax.

Obituary.

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—(Special)—Marmaduke Pearson, formerly a prominent dry goods merchant, is dead.

Newspapers Quarrel.

MONTREAL, Dec. 23.—(Special)—Mr. Berthiaume, proprietor of La Presse, has entered an action for $20,000 damages against Mr. Grabam, proprietor of the Star. The action is based on alleged false representations made by the Star concerning the circulation of La Presse.

Mrs. Booth's Illness.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Commander Booth has published the following bulletin, issued by the doctors at the Presbyterian hospital, regarding his wife's condition this afternoon: "Mrs. Booth passed a somewhat quieter night, and responded well to the treatment. Mrs. Booth's splendid constitution is much in her favor, and therefore her physicians hope to insure restoration. Her condition continues serious."

All Smiling

At the Queen's Hotel, Montreal, business is good; the guests are comfortable and well fed; everything is clean, and everyone in a good humor, from the proprietor to the bell boys. If you want to be cheery, go to the Queen's Hotel, Montreal. x

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

Collapse of the Three Cent Policy Causing Much Laughter at Mr. Mulock.

Application for a Yukon Railway—Judge Appointed—Parliament Formally Called.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—It is not likely that until parliament meets will the true inwardness of the communications which have taken place between the Postmaster-General and the Imperial government in reference to the 3-cent letter rate to England be known. Everybody here is laughing at Mr. Mulock's fiasco. Without question he exceeded his powers when he decided upon a reduction of postage without consulting the home government or the different colonial governments. The Postmaster-General's contention that this is a purely domestic matter with Canada is knocked on the head. One of the principles underlying the work of the postal union is that no action may be taken by one member of the union which is calculated to embarrass another, as Mr. Mulock's action is calculated to do, without a thorough understanding among the different colonial governments. There was a possibility of considerable friction. Canadian letters might under Mr. Mulock's hasty action be charged with deficit postage simply because the Postmaster General had disregarded the postal union's regulations.

A proclamation was issued this afternoon calling parliament for the despatch of business on February 3.

City merchants state that this has been the best week's business in twenty years.

Col. White, late Deputy Postmaster-General, was to-day presented with a magnificent gold watch and other articles of value by the inside and outside branches of the department.

D. B. McTavish, city solicitor, has been appointed senior judge of Carleton county.

Hunter & Oliver, of Victoria, give notice of application for a bill to incorporate a company to build a railway from Portland inlet to Telegraph Creek, thence to Teslin lake and Dawson. Application will also be made by Ottawa parties for a charter to build from Arrowhead, on Arrow lake, via Trout lake to Kootenay lake.

BEST IN FIVE YEARS.

That Is the Report on the Holiday Trade—The Reductions in Cotton.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly report shows a remarkably large holiday trade at many points, the largest for five years. Instead of decreasing the demand for products shows an unexpected increose in several important branches. Foreign trade continues satisfactory.

Cotton goods have further declined in prices of bleached which meet active Southern competition, and the Fall River spinners insist upon a reduction of one-ninth in wages, other New England mills joining. Out of 101 New England works 45 have passed dividends. Fourteen at Fall River, with 15 others, are paying one per cent. for the last quarter. The fall in the price of cotton when the mills were holding a heavy stock of goods, placed the industry in a most embarrassing position. The woollen mills have begun buying domestic wool heavily, and especially Montana and Indian Territory, as if in expectation of a large business for the season about to open. Contracts of unknown magnitude have been made.

Canadian trade is, on the whole, very fair for the season, and as respects holiday trade exceptionally good.

OPERATIONS ON 'CHANGE.

Immense Gains in the Price of New York Street Railway Shares.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The local street railway companies' shares, which have been such a notable feature in the stock market all the week, opened with a further bound upwards this morning, and although there were sharp reactions during the day on profit taking, stocks closed at the highest. Third Avenue added seven points to its price, making a gain of 22 points for the week. The week's gains also extended to Metropohtan, 9½, and Manhattan, 5½. The great buoyancy in the specialties this morning spread throughout the list, reaching first the securities of other local corporations, then the industrials generally, and finally the railroad list.

The Evening Post says: For a stock market on the eve of the holidays to-day's business was unusually active during the forenoon, in fact trading on the stock exchange was broader than on any previous day in many weeks.

Closing prices: Am. Tob., 88; Sugar, 141⅝; At. pfd., 30½; B. & O., 14; Bay State Gas, 4¼; Can. Sou., 52½; B. & Q., 100¾; Chicago Gas, 96¾; N. W., 122; R.I., 91½; Con. Gas, 181½; G. E., 33⅞; J. C., 88½; L. & N., 57; Man., 109½; M. P., 34¾; Natl. Lead, 36¾; N. P., 21⅝; do. pfd., 59¼; N. Y. C., 107¼; Rdg., 23⅝; Southern Ry. pfd., 33; T. P., 11⅝; U. S. Leather pfd., 63½; U. P., 26⅝; Wab. pfd., 80; W. U., 90.

Commercial Cable xd in Montreal, 188¼; C. P. R. in London, 83¾.

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PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

December 23rd, 1897.

HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor in Council directs that the following Rules, framed under the authority of the "County Courts Act" shall come into force from the 24th day of December, 1897.

By Command,
JAMES BAKER,
Provincial Secretary.

1. There shall be a vacation in the County Courts of Victoria, Nanaimo, New Westminster and Vancouver from the 24th day of December, 1897, to the 3rd day of January, 1898 both days inclusive, during which vacation, subject to the further provisions hereinafter contained, no cause shall be tried.

2. Nothing in these rules shall interfere with the issue or service of ordinary default or judgment summonses, or garnishee proceedings, or with proceedings for obtaining judgment or default summonses.

3. Nothing in these rules shall interfere with any criminal proceedings.

4. During said vacation the office hours of the offices of the Court shall be in accordance with Rule 693, "Supreme Court Rules, 1890."

5. These rules may be cited as the "County Courts (Christmas) Vacation Rules, 1897."

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next session upon behalf of the Manufacturers Guarantee and Accident Insurance Company, for an act to change the name of the said Company, to "The Guarantee and Accident Insurance Company of Canada," or such other name as the Parliament of Canada will permit and the Directors may approve of, and to ratify and confirm the By-Law passed by the said Company providing for the issue of Preference Shares in the said Company.

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Solicitors for the applicants.
Dated at Toronto, 4th November, 1897. n25

LATEST novelties in art embroidery, both cotton and silk; no particular brand of silk used. Instructions given free of cost, from November 5th to Dec. 20th. MRS. OSTRAND, 129 Cormorant street. no3

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Steamer "Nakusp" Burned at Arrowhead—Heaviest Snowfall on Record at Rossland.

Tramway Feeders for the C. P. R.—K slo Mayoralty—Fire at Northfield.

At a special meeting of the Rossland city council recently the Bank of British North America made a proposition to loan the city $14,000 to pay off its floating indebtedness, if the city will sell it all the debentures, amounting to $65,000. The bank offered par value and asked that the bonds bear 5½ per cent per annum and run for twenty-five years at least. The offer was accepted by the council, although Mayor Scott opposed it. He was in favor of selling the debentures to the same loan and trust company that he had previously sold the $50,000 debentures to. After getting the city solicitor's opinion that the municipality could not be held on the former debt, he did not object further. The bank had already advanced $50,000 to the city, which was to have been paid out of the proceeds of the sale of the $50,000 debentures, and the $14,000 it now proposes to advance is on the sewer and expense by-laws, amounting to $15,000. The $50,000 has already been spent, and it will take the greater portion of the $14,000 to pay off the floating indebtedness of the city. This will enable the present civic administration to go out of office with all debts paid or provided for.

The Rossland Times says: The gloomy weather of the past three or four weeks, during which the fall of snow has been almost incessant, appears at last to have received its congé. The brilliant sunshine of the earlier part of the week was indeed a relief from the long-continued gloom that had been brooding over the city so long that humanity began to be affected by it. During this period a vast quantity of snow fell, and it was found to measure a depth of four feet in the lower portion of the townsite, while out on the hills the depth was much greater. As the "beautiful" packs down pretty closely, it may be computed that at least eight feet has fallen since the chinook cleared the ground about three weeks ago. This is unprecedented for the early part of December in this section. Never since Rossland has been Rossland has there been so much snow on the ground before Christmas. In the winter of '93-4 it is said that there were seven feet of snow lying in the valley of Trail Creek, but not so early in the season.

About 1 o'clock on Thursday morning the Parisian store at Northfield, occupied by Mr. D. Coyle; the residence of Mr. Robert Gourley, and a stable near by, were totally destroyed by fire. The fire originated in Mr. Gourley's residence and was not observed until it was a mass of flames and had set Mr. Coyle's store on fire. Mr. and Mrs. Gourley and Mr. Coyle were spending the evening at Mr. Norcross's residence and their first knowledge of the fire was when the general alarm was given. The contents of Mr. Gourley's house were completely destroyed. A small quantity of Mr. Coyle's stock was saved. The buildings were owned by Mr. R. Kilpatrick, of Wellington, and were partially insured.

Fire started soon after midnight of Thursday on board the steamer Nakusp, while lying at the dock at Arrowhead. She was loaded with freight for southern points. The fire appeared to come from the pantry, and made such headway that it was impossible to check it. The steamer was burned to the water's edge together with her cargo, which consisted of hay and feed. Her machinery is not expected to be damaged to much extent. The cause of the fire is unknown. The steamer was insured. The fine new steamer Rossland will take her run.

At a meeting of the Surrey Board of Health recently, Dr. Sutherland, the medical health officer, reported that the water supply of some of the schools was of very bad quality. He informed the board that the corporation had the power to furnish a water supply, and levy a rate to pay for the same. He also reported that the Surrey Centre school had been closed for two weeks on account of measles, and the Clayton school for three weeks, owing to numerous cases of whooping cough. The board decided to recommend that the council petition the provincial government to appoint a resident coroner.

Solicitors for the Canadian Pacific railway give notice that application will be made at the next session of the provincial legislature for an act to incorporate the Mountain Tramway & Electric Company, with power to construct ropeways and tramways to the various mining camps tributary to the various branch railways which the C. P. R. controls. The company also asks the privilege of generating and supplying heat, light and electricity in the districts in which it is to operate.

Chas. W. McAnn, Q.C., has accepted a requisition to be a candidate for the position of mayor of Kaslo. Under the new municipal arrangement there will be six aldermen for Kaslo next year instead of five as at present.

SURREY'S HOLIDAY.

Festivities at the School Closing and Projected Christmas Entertainments.

SURREY CENTRE, Dec. 20.—The semi-annual examination of the Surrey Centre public school took place on Friday, the 17th, in the presence of parents and friends of the pupils. In addition to the ordinary review examination in history, geography, mathematics, reading and spelling, the scholars in the different grades gave several recitations. Miss Ada Drinkwater read a humorous piece entitled the "New Church Organ," by Will Carlton; and Miss Mabel Starr and Miss Margaret Wade favored the school with vocal and instrumental music. After a few remarks from Mr. Geo. Boothroyd, trustee, the session of '97 came to a close by the singing of the national anthem.

On the evening of the 17th inst. the pupils and associates of Cloverdale school gave an entertainment consisting of music, reading, dialogues and drill exercise in the hall, Cloverdale. The attendance was good and the execution of the different pieces on the programme was creditably performed. The proceeds of the concert amounted to over $16, which amount the teacher, Mr. N. Hopkins, wishes to be applied for the purpose of buying a bell for the school.

The young people of the neighboring section, in Mud Bay, will treat their friends to a social on Tuesday, 21st, and another social is announced for Christmas eve in connection with the Presbyterian church, Cloverdale. A Sunday school festival will be held on Wednesday, 29th, in the Town hall, Surrey, for the Church of England. Concerts and socials are the order of the day in Surrey and the people are prepared to wish each other a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

To the aged, with their poor appetite, feeble circulation, and impoverished blood, Ayer's Sarsaparilla is a boon beyond price. Its effect is to check the ravages of time, by invigorating every organ, nerve, and tissue of the body. See Ayer's Almanac for the new year.

Boys' Sailor Suits, $1.25, $1.50 $2.00 upwards. B. Williams & Co.

PRESENTS BY THE TON.

Six Hundred Packages From England Arrive in Vancouver in One Day—The Music Hall Issue.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 24.—[Special]—The music hall people are hunting around in all directions and writing any number of letters to the press in their efforts to get candidates to champion music halls in the next municipal campaign. But Mayor Templeton is a fighter, politically speaking, and there is no advocate of music halls strong enough and anxious enough to oppose him for the mayoralty. This is so in a lesser degree in the aldermanic contest.

There arrived from England yesterday for Vancouver one ton and a half of Christmas presents, comprising 600 packages. In previous years the Christmas packages at this time from England have averaged from 200 to 250. The next English mail will, it is expected, contain some 800 more Christmas presents. This year, although the staff is increased at the postoffice, they are all overworked and have been hard at it every day this week from morning until late into the night. The service, however, is excellent.

FAST MOUNTAIN TRAVELING.

A Rossland Norwegian Ambitions to Do a Mile a Minute.

Olaus Jeldness, whose sensational ski slides down Red mountain attracted so much attention last year, says the Rossland Miner, is planning a series of the same feats this season, when he expects to surpass even the records he made last year. Mr. Jeldness is only waiting now for the snow to get somewhat deeper before attempting his first trip. To make first class skiing the snow must be deep enough to cover not only the underbrush, but to fill up small crevices in the hillside as well, or a bad fall may result.

Last year Mr. Jeldness succeeded in running on his skies from the top of Red mountain to the Le Roi compressor in three minutes, but he is confident that he can clip a minute off of that record this year. He may not do it at the first attempt, he says, but will make the run in two minutes before the season closes. As the distance is about a mile and a half, the speed which will be necessary to make the run in two minutes is something terrific, and at the finish must far exceed a mile a minute.

Mr. Jeldness says that Red mountain is really too steep for the best of skiing, since one must use a stick as a drag and hence delay the speed. In Norway, the home of the skies, Mr. Jeldness added, a man on these queer snowshoes will make better time in the course of a day than a horse.

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VANCOUVER lodge, No. 5, A.O.U.W., held their annual meeting for election of officers last night. The list follows: P.M.W., G. W. Caven; M.W., J. Townsley; F., J. McIntosh; O., F. Gilchrist; Rec., J. Critchley; Fin., W. Jackson; Receiver, R. Seabrook; Surgeon, Dr. Fraser; Grand Lodge delegates, Rev. C. Bryant, W. Scowcroft, and J. Critchley. The Grand Lodge meets in Nanaimo the second Wednesday in March.

See the "Man Fish" under water at Drill Hall concert Monday night. x

LIKE all good Victorians, Chief Deasy does a good turn for Victoria when he gets a chance, and the result is that a column of the Globe, one of the best of the great London dailies, is devoted to information from his pen about the Yukon, and also the mineral resources of British Columbia. Chief Deasy wrote to Messrs. Merryweather and Sons, the famous fire engine makers, and they handed the letter over to the Globe, which gladly published it. The article gives some of the most interesting news of the Yukon, and besides containing advice to intending miners, points out the enormous extent of mining country in the Yukon and in British Columbia. Mention is made of the mineral resources of Kootenay, Cariboo, Cassiar, Omineca and other districts, and draws attention to the chances for mining on the Coast, at Alberni, Texada and other parts. With such a prominent place in the Globe the article will have been read by many thousands of people in the old country and no doubt will prove a decided benefit in attracting still further notice to this province and to the Yukon as well.

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If sick headache is misery, what are Carter's Little Liver Pills if they will positively cure it? People who have used them speak frankly of their worth. They are small and easy to take.

Division Superintendent Killed.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 24.—Assistant Division Superintendent Marshall Newell, of the Boston & Albany, was found cut almost to pieces on the tracks near the switch tower here to-night. He was formerly a well known Harvard football player and came here from Great Barrington, Vt.

NATURE'S MEDICINE.

Nature's medicine for constipation, liver complaint, sick headache, biliousness, jaundice and sallow complexion is Laxa-Liver Bills. They are a perfect laxative, never griping or causing pain. One pill each night for thirty days will cure constipation.

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MUNICIPAL NOTICE.

REAL PROPERTY TAX SALE BY-LAW, 1897.

List of Lands and Improvements within the Corporation of the City of Victoria, to be sold for Taxes and Costs on the 29th day of December, 1897, at the City Hall, Victoria, at 12 o'clock, noon, in pursuance of "The Victoria Real Property Tax Sale By-Law, 1897," unless in the meantime the arrears of Taxes, Interest and Costs due in respect of each Lot in the Schedule hereunder written be paid.

Lot.	Block.	Section.	Lands and Improvements.	Assessed Owner.	Registered Owner.	Amount of Taxes for Year or Years ending Dec. 31, 1896, unpaid Nov. 24th, 1897.	Collector's Commission and Contingent expenses of sale.	Total Amount of Taxes and Costs.
Part 171	25		Land and Imp.	J. H. Seeley	Pt. W.C.S. Seeley, pt. W.C.S	$ 67 35	$ 9 43	76 78
Part 171	25		do do	Mrs. W. C. Seeley	Seeley & Emmanuel Baria,	69 00	9 66	78 66
Part 171	25		do J	H Seeley & E Baria)	pt. Sarah C. N. M. Renworth	31 35	4 39	35 74
N part 406	13		do and Imp.	D. F. Adams	James Porter	108 75	15 22	123 97
E part 432	W		do do	Mrs. J. C. K. Greenwood	John K. Greenwood	44 25	6 19	50 44
E part 794	10		do do	Mrs. Mary Jamieson	Not registered	22 55	3 15	25 70
807	10		do	John Colbert	John Colbert and Joshua H. Warner	34 50	4 83	39 33
872	J		do and Imp.	Sam Hop Tang	San Hop Tang	54 37	7 61	61 98
E ½ 878	J		do do	Lucie Thiebault	Lucie Thiebault	30 66	4 30	34 96
14 of 955, etc.	44		do	W. H. Ellis	P. R. Brown	13 50	1 89	15 39
N pt 15, do	44		do	do	do	2 00	28	2 28
S do do	44		do	W. J. Cline	do	10 00	1 40	11 40
1026	Z		do	J. Bigne	Not registered	39 76	5 56	45 32
1038	Z		do and Imp.	Mrs. Rose Wallace	James Wallace	16 50	2 31	18 81
1046	7		do	Shelton & Fleming	Frank Shelton and Lizzie Fleming	15 00	2 10	17 10
1128	33		do	B. H. John	Bedlington, H. John	16 50	2 31	18 81
1129	33		do and Imp.	do	do	24 75	3 45	28 20
1263	H		do do	John Turner	John Turner	255 00	35 70	290 70
13 of 1257	T		do do	Winnifred Gibson	Winnifred Gibson	31 50	4 41	35 91
1301	46		do do	J. C. Prevost	Andrew D. Laing	42 37	5 93	48 30
1302	46		do	do	do	41 25	5 77	47 02
1303	46		do and Imp.	do	do	43 88	6 14	50 02
1313	44		do	G. A. Keefer	Not registered	39 74	5 56	45 30
1314	44		do	do	do	39 74	5 56	45 30
E part 1631	32		do	Mrs. Ellen Turner	Ellen Turner	6 00	84	6 84
1632	32		do and Imp	do	do	18 75	2 62	21 37
1633	32		do do	do	do	25 50	3 57	29 07
1634	32		do do	do	do	27 00	3 78	30 78
1637	32		do	do	do	16 50	2 31	18 18
5 of 1707-1711	60	(Map 220)	do	H. M. Dumbleton	Henry M. Dumbleton	21 00	2 94	23 94
6 of 1707-1711	60	do	do	do	do	21 00	2 94	23 94
N part 1746	60		do	A. J. Smith	Andrew J. Smith	27 00	3 78	30 78
7 of 1777-1791	61		do and Imp	W. H. Flewin	Wm. Hy. Flewin	20 25	2 83	23 08
1867	63		do	Est. W. C. Seeley	Wm. C. S. Seeley	35 82	5 01	40 83
1872	63		do and Imp.	do	do	45 94	6 43	52 37
Part	3	Beckley Farm	do	R. R. Bayne	Richard R. Bayne	24 00	3 36	27 36
5	15-16	do	do	W. D. Morgan	Winslow D. Morgan	19 86	2 78	22 64
31	20	do	do and Imp.	Fred. McGraw	Frederick McGraw	18 99	2 66	21 65
W ½ 32	20	do	do	do	do	7 62	1 06	8 68
10	21	do	do and Imp.	W. H. Cowper	Wm. Hy. Cowper	51 00	7 14	58 14
11	21	do	do	do	do	48 00	6 72	54 72
12	21	do	do	do	do	55 50	7 77	63 27
6 of 7-9	22	do	do	T. Corsan	Thomas Corsan	11 25	1 57	12 82
2	1	Christ Ch. Tr. est.	do	W. H. Ellis	Wm. H. Ellis	24 00	3 36	27 36
11	1	do	do and Imp.	do	do	35 25	4 93	40 18
6	37	Fairfield Estate	do	J. E. Martin	James Douglas	4 50	63	5 13
22	37	do	do	Richard Robinson	do	4 12	57	4 69
10	4	19	do	Catherine J. John	Catherine J. John	3 00	42	3 42
	14	68 (Map 261)	do	Est. W. R. Clarke	Wm. R. Clarke	23 24	3 25	26 49
17	5a	68 & 74 (Map 260 a)	do	A. L. Belyea	Benjamin S. Oddy	2 40	33	2 73
25	5a	do	do	do	do	2 40	33	2 73
2	3	74	do	Mrs. Agnes Reid	Agnes Reid	4 87	68	5 55
3	3	74	do	do	do	3 38	47	3 85
35	5	74	do	Wm. Farmer	Euphemia Cline	4 05	56	4 61
37	5	74	do	Wm. Moore	do	3 38	47	3 85
36	5	74	do	Dr. L. N. McKechnie	do	3 37	47	3 84
38	5	74	do	do	do	4 05	56	4 61
N ½ 6 Regent's park.		74	do	J. J. Austin	John J. Austin	4 50	63	5 13
7 do	do	74	do	do	do	16 50	2 31	18 81
8 do	do	74	do	do	do	13 50	1 89	15 39
19	2-3	Fernwood Estate.	do	E. G. Anderson	P. W. Patterson and Ed. G. Anderson	1 39	19	1.58
34	2-3	do	do and Imp.	J. H. Brownlee	Annie Hird	15 00	2 10	17 10
11	13 17 &c	do	do	H. Smith	William Wilson	3 75	52	4 27
Part	21-22	do	do and Imp.	P. S. Fenerty, et al	Sarsfield, Joseph, Kate, Anna and John Fenerty	300 99	42 13	343 12
Part	36	do	do do	do	do do	89 42	12 53	101 95
16	34	do	do do	John Colbert	Daniel R. Young	17 25	2 41	19 66
N ½ 3	58-59	do	do do	J. J. Austin	J. J. Austin	5 25	73	5 98
32	69	do	do	John Teague	John Teague	5 25	73	5 98
33	69	do	do	do	do	6 00	84	6 84
35	69	do	do	do	do	5 25	73	5 98
37	69	do	do	do	do	5 25	73	5 98
111	69	do	do	do	do	5 25	73	5 98
18	45-48 &c	25	do	Chan Man Cheong	E. B. C. Hannington and Hy. Croft	2 70	38	3 08
74	do	25	do	W. H. Phillpot	Wm. H. Philpott	5 01	70	5 71
87	do	25	do	G. A. McBain	John D. Foreman	6 56	92	7 48
34	69-72	Spring Ridge	do and Imp	C. Farrington	Christopher Farrington	7 50	1 05	8 55
43	69-72	do	do do	Mrs. M. R. Robbins	Clara O'Haggerty	9 00	1 26	10 26
8	Suburban	5-acre lots N ½ 7	do and Imp.	W. J. Cline	Walter J. Cline	21 00	2 94	23 94
34	do	do 8	do do	Thos. Tugwell	Thomas Tugwell	17 25	2 41	19 66
18	do	do 19	do	F. H. Curry	Frank H. Curry	5 40	75	6 15
W ½ 36	do	do 19	do	Mrs. John Smith	John Smith	2 70	38	3 08
W ½ 59	do	do 19	do	do	do	2 70	38	3 08
14	A	Finlayson Est	do and Imp.	Mrs. Kate Wilson	Joseph Wilson	25 50	3 57	29 07
8	B	do	do do	T. J. Dearberg	Thomas J. Dearberg	18 00	2 52	20 52
12	C	do	do	Tong Yue & Co	Charles J. Mulkey	18 00	2 52	20 52
15	Q	Work Estate	do	N. P. Snowden	Northing P. Snowden	9 00	1 26	10 26
16	Q	do	do	do	do	10 50	1 47	11 97
17	1, 7, 8, 9	do (Map 162)	do	Loo Chong Shang & Chow Kai	Royal Agnew	33 73	4 72	38 45
96	7	Hillside Ext. IV	do	Donald Smith	Donald Smith	13 50	1 89	15 39
97	7	do IV	do and Imp	do	do	17 25	2 41	19 66
128	9	do IV	do do	J. A. Grant	James A. Grant	14 25	1 99	16 24
161	10	do IV	do	James Jeffery	James Jeffrey	9 75	1 36	11 11
253	13	do C	do and Imp	Mrs. L. Winnett	Lydia Winnett	7 50	1 05	8 55
255	13	do C	do do	do	do	7 50	1 05	8 55
6 of 3	7-9	Saanich Ext.	do	Sam Wai	Sam Wai	3 38	47	3 85
10 of 4	7-9	do	do	do	do	3 00	42	3 42
22 of 1	56-57 &c	29 30 Oaklands	do and Imp	A. V. Wover	Emanuel Levy and Emmanuel J. Salmon	5 99	84	6 83
2 of 2	do	do do	do	G. P. Carter	Joshua Davies Henry Moss	4 23	59	4 82
1 of 3	do	do do	do	F. J. Julill	do do	2 70	38	3 08
14 of 3	do	do do	do	do	do do	2 70	38	3 08
22 of 3	do	do do	do	Est. Geo. Fairbrother	do do	2 70	38	3 08
	10	do do	do	C. Farrington	Not registered	52 00	7 28	59 28
1	1-5	10 Victoria West	do	Thos. Henderson	Thos. Henderson	4 50	63	5 13
2	1-5	10 do	do	do	do	4 13	58	4 71
25	1-5	10 do	do	R. Kenny	Emanuel J. Salmon	3 37	47	3 84
37	1-5	10 do	do	Robt. Whittly	do	3 38	47	3 85
10	8-12	10 do	do	Thos. Turnbull	Thomas Turnbull	4 13	58	1 02
11	8-12	10 do	do	do	do	2 25	31	2 56
5	13-17	10 do	do	Thos. Henderson	Thomas Henderson	5 25	73	5 98
6	13-17	10 do	do	do	do	5 25	73	5 98
25	F	31 do	do	Styles & Banfield	George Elvin	9 75	1 37	11 12
25a	F	31 do	do and Imp.	do do	do	7 50	1 05	8 55
19 of 101-4 &c.	N	31 do	do	Mrs. T. N. Butcher	Thomas N. Butcher	1 50	21	1 71
27 do	N	31 do	do	do	do	1 50	21	1 71
188	W	31 do	do and Imp.	T. W. Fletcher	Thomas W. Fletcher	4 88	68	5 56
183	X	31 do	do	Mrs. L. M. Boggs	Louisa M. Boggs	7 50	1 05	8 55
184	X	31 do	do and Imp	do	do	25 50	3 57	29 07
8	Lime Bay	31 do	do do	W. R. Jones	Wilfrid R. Jones	9 75	1 36	11 11
12	do	31 do	do and Imp.	do	do	9 75	1 36	11 11
15	1-6	32 do	do do	M. Lefurgy	Beaumont Boggs	2 25	32	2 57
16	1-6	32 do	do do	J. M. Morris	do	2 25	32	2 57
Pt. 3	11-12	32 do	do do	Jno. Kinsman	Elbridge J. Christie	1 70	23	1 93
Pt. 4	11-12	32 do	do do	do	do	1 33	19	1 52
8	18 19 &c	32 do	do and Imp.	McKay & Cannell	Kenneth Cannell and Alexander McKay	7 63	1 07	8 70

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November 24th, 1897.

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2. A belt of land, five miles in width, extending back from the shore line of the whole of that portion of Teslin Lake which lies within the Province.

3. A belt of land commencing at a point five miles below Glenora, on the Stickeen river; thence up the said river to a point five miles above Telegraph Creek, and having a width of five miles on each side of the said river

GEO. B. MARTIN,
Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works.
Lands and Works Department,
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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session for an Act to incorporate a Company with power to construct, equip, operate by any kind or kinds of motive power, and maintain either a standard or narrow gauge railway for the purpose of conveying passengers and freight, including all kinds of merchandise, from a point at or near Pyramid Harbour, on the Lynn Canal in a northerly or northwesterly direction, and by the most direct and feasible route to a point on the boundary line between this province and the Northwest Territory of Canada, and with power to construct equip, operate and maintain branch lines and all necessary roads, bridges, ways, ferries, wharfs, docks, and coal bunkers; and with power to build, own equip, operate and maintain steam and other vessels and boats; and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to carry on a general express business, and to build and operate all kinds of plant for the purpose of supplying light, heat, electricity or any kind of motive power; and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes of the Company, and to acquire lands bonuses, privileges, or other aids from any government, municipality, or other persons or bodies corporate; and to make traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies; and with power to build wagon roads to be used in the construction of such railway and in advance of the same, and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using, and on all freight passing over any of such roads built by the company, whether built before or after the construction of the railway; and with all other usual, necessary or incidental rights, powers or privileges as may be necessary or incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

Dated at the City of Victoria, the 3rd day of December, A.D. 1897.

R. T. ELLIOTT,
Solicitor for the Applicants.
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NOTICE.

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Dated at the City of Victoria the 4th day of August, A.D. 1897.

HUNTER & OLIVER,
Solicitors for the Applicants.
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NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an Act to incorporate a company with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain a railway of standard or any other gauge from a point at or near the head of Lynn canal northward along Dalton's trail or as near thereto as practicable to a point at or near Fort Selkirk in the North West Territories, with power to connect with any railway in American Territory, and to construct, operate and maintain branch lines and all necessary roads, ways, bridges and ferries, and to build, own and maintain wharves and docks in connection therewith, and with power to build, equip, own and maintain steam and other vessels and boats, and to operate the same on any navigable waters, and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the proposed railway and works, and to generate electricity for the supply of light, heat and power, and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes of the Company, and to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges and other aids from any government, municipal corporations, or other persons or bodies, and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using, and on all freight passing over any of such roads, railway, ferries, wharves and vessels, and with power to make traffic or other arrangements with railway steamboat or other companies, and for all other necessary or incidental rights, powers and privileges in that behalf

ROBERT CASSIDY,
32 Langley St., Victoria, B.C.,
Solicitor for the applicants.
November 16th, 1897. n26

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the province of British Columbia at its next session for an act to incorporate a company for the purpose of developing and tunning to commercial use the iron ore deposits situate upon and near the coast line of the province of British Columbia, and to that end, to construct blast furnaces, rolling mills, roads, tram roads railroads, docks wharves, houses, buildings, wharves, docks, steam and other ships, hydraulic power plant and works, electric power and electric lighting plant and works, plate-rolling plant, tin-plating plant, and such other plant and appliances for the manufacture of pig iron, steel blooms and billets, tin plates and generally to do all things necessary and conducive to the establishment of iron, steel and tin plate works and manufactories, and for the establishment of a home trade and an export trade, and to acquire lands, privileges, or other aids from any government, municipal corporation, or other persons or bodies, and generally to do, acquire, receive and perform all usual and necessary rights, powers privileges and aids for giving full effect to the intentions of the applicant herein before set forth.

Dated at Victoria, the 8th day of December, 1897.

JOHN COBELDICK,
Applicant.
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CHRISTMAS.

Perhaps the herald angels never sang above the hills of Palestine. Perhaps no wise men came from the East to worship the Babe in the Bethlehem manger. Perhaps no star appeared to guide those who sought the promised Messiah. All may be myth; all may be poetry; all may be the adaptation of some of the legends which have come down to us from the childhood of the race. But it matters very little, for ever since the day whose anniversary we commemorate, an anthem of peace and good will has been echoing throughout the earth, the wisest of men have knelt in adoration before the name of the Infant Jesus, a star, more resplendent than any that has ever shown in the vault of Heaven, has guided humanity to a Saviour.

No doubt it is a pious fiction that assigns this day as the anniversary of the birthday of Our Lord. There may be ostensibly some warrant for it, but there is no reason to suppose that the early Christians recognized or observed it. They were more concerned with the transcendent fact of His death and resurrection. To be born is the common lot of all, as also it is to die; but to rise from the grave, to demonstrate that man is superior to death—this in an age of intense materialism was enough to think about, enough to inspire men with faith and hope. Later when the Gospel was preached to the Teutonic tribes and those other races, which came out of the North with a force as resistless as the glaciers which centuries before overspread Europe, it became necessary to adjust the new cult to the customs of the new converts. What better plan could be suggested than to make the Yule Tide holiday a Christian festival? It was appropriate in a wider sense than appeared at first sight. The Yule Tide feast is in celebration of the turning of the sun from his course towards the South, that is to speak in popular language. To fully understand its significance in this respect we must give our imagination a little rein.

The terrors of the Ice Age were upon the world. Man had lost the Paradise of the Tertiary Age and wandered in darkness and cold. Tradition had preserved the story of the matchless nights of the Arctic Eden and of the festivals with which the return of the long absent sun was greeted. We can readily believe that the few survivors of the Frost Giants, to use the languoge of the Icelandic Sagas, would hasten to commemorate in some special way the annual loosing of the bands of winter, which seemed to promise that some day in the perhaps far distant future its sway would be wholly broken and Eden would be restored. Thus we see that the Yule Tide feasts were to the Northern races more than a mere expression of joy over present benefits; they were an earnest of greater glories to come. It required hardly a change of names to convert Yule Tide into Christmas, and many curious features of the modern holiday attest that the change has not yet been complete. It does not detract in the least from the significance and the glory of the feast to remember that it is the great day of rejoicing of all Northern races, and has been observed by them in one guise or another since a day so remote that the most ancient records do not tell of it, but leaves us to puzzle out fragments of its history from the rocks and gravel beds.

The significance of Christmas is that there is hope in life. Its observance ought to inspire us with the sublimest courage. The sentiment of the day has power to penetrate beneath the hardest of all externals, to flourish under what seem to be the most adverse circumstances. This is a so-called practical age. We are nothing nowadays, so we say, if not practical. We profess to look at everything from the standpoint of the ledger. We affect to despise anything except what we can measure with our yardstick or reckon by our arithmetic. Yet we all keep Christmas as it never was kept before in the history of the world. Our newspapers issue Christmas supplements, and if some of them are as grotesque as the Christmas Waits of the Olden Time, they are a compliment to the Christmas sentiment. They are printed because the people want them. Our singers write Christmas carols and the people sing them—a revival of a very ancient and delightful custom. The harshness of Puritanism, which once forbade the observance of the day as a heinous sin, but compromised between its perverted conscience and its humanity by keeping Thanksgiving, has opened it arms to the grand old holiday. The reason is that the world is getting better. The Christ-spirit is gaining ground. The world is more than ever following His star and more willing to bow in adoration before His cradle.

We are not unmindful of the fact that never before in the history of the world were so many men under arms or the seeds of terrific conflict more widely sown; but while this is the case, it is also true that never before were men and nations more influenced by the spirit of Christianity.

Personal ambition counts for far less than it did a hundred years ago. The masses are gaining recognition of their rights. There is developing a public sentiment to which even the most powerful individuals must bow. The voice of the people is not yet the voice of a god, but there is more divinity in it than ever before. And this is due more to the influence of Him whose natal day we commemorate than to any other single cause. Nineteen centuries ago He said to those who gathered round Him, questioning and marveling at His wisdom: "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." It is by the truth as taught by Him that the world is being gradually emancipated.

AN EXTRAORDINARY COURSE.

When certain statements, for which libel proceedings are now being carried on, were printed in the weekly paper in which they originated, they were accompanied by the declaration that they were made with a full sense of responsibility. This declaration added weight to them. It was all that raised them above the merest Billingsgate. When anyone makes grave charges and declares his readiness to stand by them, he is entitled to have what he says regarded as sincere, even if it may be grossly erroneous. When, therefore, we find the periodical, that made the statements referred to with such a flourish of trumpets, now seeking to evade all responsibility, we are warranted in assuming that the bold words were hollow, and were employed only to give weight to something that otherwise would not be worthy of a moment's thought. When a journal makes such a statement as that above referred to, it invites prosecution; and the manly course under such circumstances is to waive all technicalities and attempt a justification.

We do not care as a rule to make any observations having even an indirect bearing upon a subject of litigation, and would say nothing now if a censured public duty did not make it compulsory. Are the public to be treated to a repetition of what has been going on in the police court for the last day or two, or are those who declared themselves responsible for the articles complained of going to come forward and take that responsibility? We express no opinion whatever upon the evidence as far as it has gone. To do that would be highly improper. What we wish to induce is a distinct avowal by the responsible parties of their relation to the article referred to and a manly acceptance of the consequences.

We shall have more to say upon this point by and bye, but hope to be able to chronicle that there has been no further evasion of responsibility and that there will be no attempt to make a scapegoat of any one whose sole complicity in the transaction has probably been to earn his salary by following out as best he could the policy of his paper.

THE Columbian calls the attention of the COLONIST to the fact that it credited to the Nanaimo Review a paragraph on redistribution which, in point of fact, appeared in the Wellington Enterprise. In so doing it says that the publication by the COLONIST of a quotation from another paper is a tacit approval of it. We do not wish this idea to get abroad. The quotations made by the COLONIST under the heading "The Canadian Press" are not to be understood as expressing the views of this paper, but only as illustrating the trend of public thought on the questions dealt with. When the COLONIST desires to approve of the opinions expressed by a contemporary it will say so.

THE Post-Intelligencer is very angry at the COLONIST for exposing the reindeer-relief fraud, and of course calls the editor of this paper names. Now let us suppose for argument's sake that the editor of the COLONIST is a scoundrel of the deepest dye, will the Post-Intelligencer explain how that melancholy fact would enable 1,000 reindeer to carry 3,000,000 pounds of provisions to Circle City this winter or any winter? The Post-Intelligencer's sleep seems to be disturbed by dreams of the COLONIST. We would like to say to it that only "scrub papers" make a practice of referring to the editors of other papers.

WE find in the London Daily Mail an extract from a Vancouver letter stating that persons going to Klondyke ought to avoid Victoria, because the steamers leaving the latter city are inferior to those sailing from the former. It is surprising that any resident of Vancouver would carry his hostility to Victoria to such an extent as the letter indicates.

THE Cassiar Central people will rest easier now that they know the Times has no fault to find with them.

THE Wellington Enterprise thinks that greater latitude should be shown attorneys from the other provinces who desire to practice in British Columbia. This is a matter upon which there is a wide difference of opinion. There are cases in which the restriction seems obsurd; but it must be borne in mind that regulations of this nature are made for the majority, not for the minority. It is desirable that some safeguard should be thrown around admission to the bar, if the law is to remain a learned and honorable profession.

WE have found a good deal of fault with the Toronto Globe over its hesitancy about fighting the battle of Canada for the Yukon trade, and are glad now to be able to say that it has reversed its policy of silence and is doing some very effective work.

MR. TARTE says he is in the cabinet as the representative of the Conservatives. If this is the case, we think he may resign as soon as he likes, and that those whom he says he represents will not shed a tear.

THE Comox News says there must be something wrong when a married woman prefers the society of some other man to that of her husband. Doubtless; but is it not possible that the fault may be with the husband?

THE Columbian says it does not pretend to be an authority on the English language. No one is, neighbor, except the Victoria Times. It is strong on "langwidge," almost rank in fact.

IN order that the employees of the COLONIST may enjoy Christmas, there will be no paper issued from this office to-morrow; but an issue will appear on Monday.

READ carefully the Papal encyclical on the Manitoba school question; it will probably be found to be a practical acceptance of the situation under protest.

IT is satisfactory to know that an arrangement has been reached with the Dominion government as to the administration of the mainland railway belt.

DOES the Times desire to be understood as opposing the acceptance of the sealing award as final between the two nations?

THE distribution of the sealing award will be a very delicate piece of business.

A VERY happy Christmas to all!

THE CANADIAN PRESS.

A "CAPITAL" JOKE.

A titled myth—the Ontario Sir Plus.—Ottawa Citizen.

THE CLOSING OF THE PASSES.

The crime, for it would be nothing else, would lie with the nation first to transgress, for it would be unreasonable to expect the Dominion, interested as it is in retaining the natural wealth for the people, not to retaliate if Canadian outfitting business should be killed by aggressive obstructions. Mr. Sifton and the ministers associated with him on the sub-committee, Mr. Mills and Sir Louis Davies, are dealing with the many difficulties arising in the administration of the gold regions. There are no guiding precedents, the phenomenal richness, the climate, the inaccessible locality, all being unique features in the history of gold mining.—Toronto Globe.

BY WAY OF VARIETY.

He—What would you say if I were to kiss you? She—Well, if you knew your business I wouldn't get a chance to say anything.

Business Transaction.—Yabsley—"See here, Mudge, why haven't you paid that $10 as you promised?" Mudge—"I heard you were going to leave town."

Said a pompous husband whose wife had stolen up behind and given him a kiss: "Madam, I consider such an act indecorous." "Excuse me," said the wife, "I didn't know it was you."

Seedy Caller—Is Mr. Specie in? Office Boy—No, he ain't in, and he won't be back for a month; but if yer wanted anything of him I can refuse it ter yer jest as well as him and save your callin' again.

Reward of Merit.—"Well, I see Herbert Spencer has been rewarded at last." "What's happened? Has he made a fortune out of his books?" "No; a brand of cigars has been named after him."

"Did they find any irregularities in his accounts?" "On the contrary, they were remarkably regular—he doctored them every day."

Briggs—"Is Miss Palisade a girl of tact?" Criggs—"Well, I don't know. When she refused me she said it wasn't because I couldn't support her."

Old Beau (to messenger boy):—"What did the young lady say when you gave her my flowers?" Messenger Boy—"She asked the young fellow she was sitting with if he didn't want some for a buttonhole."

HOK TAW IS FREE.

TO THE EDITOR:—In this morning's issue of your paper you publish a paragraph under the above heading in which you say "the judge found that Hok Taw wrote the letters" which were claimed to have been forged. This is a mistake. The judge found that Hok Taw "did not" write the letters, but that one of them was proved to have been received from Yee Gee, the person by whom they appeared to have been written, and that as the evidence for the prosecution and defence proved both letters to have been written by the same person, it followed that both letters were written by Yee Gee. Please insert this correction.

Yours truly, THORNTON FELL,
Counsel for Hok Taw.

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THE MAYORALTY.

To the Electors of the City of Victoria.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—At the request of a number of citizens I have the honor to announce that I shall be a candidate for re-election to the office of Mayor at the election to be held next January, and respectfully solicit your votes and support.

CHAS. E. REDFERN.

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THE MAYORALTY.

To the Electors of the City of Victoria.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—Having been requested by a large number of ratepayers to offer myself as candidate for Mayor at the ensuing Municipal Election, I have much pleasure in complying with their request, and I now most respectfully solicit the votes and influence of the electors of the municipality to secure my election

Previous to the date of election, I will, by public notice, call you together to place before you my views in municipal matters.

de18 JOSEPH WESTROP CAREY.

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IT is announced that an advance of 50 cents per ton will be made in the retail price of coal on Monday next.

THE many friends of Mrs. Mabel Johnson, a former resident of this city, will regret to learn of her death in Seattle on the 15th inst.

FREDERICK WOLLASTON of Grand Forks has been appointed a member of the board of licensing commissioners for that place.

MRS. MARY JACKSON, recently residing on the Songhees reserve, died yesterday at St. Joseph hospital. The funeral will take place to-day.

THE Toquart Mining Company, Limited, has been incorporated with a capital of $50,000, the object being to purchase and mine the Great Expectations and Equinox mineral claims on Toquart harbor, in the Alberni district, and to do a general mining business.

AN old gentleman named James Scott, who for many years had a ranch at Sooke but recently had been a confirmed invalid in the kind care of Mrs. Walter Stead, of Douglas street, died yesterday, and the remains were removed to Mr. Charles Hayward's undertaking parlors for interment in Ross Bay cemetery.

IN this week's Gazette John Cobeldick gives notice of applying at the coming session of the legislature for a private bill to incorporate a company for the purpose of stimulating and assisting invention with a view to improved methods of mining auriferous gravels in the province, and for a concession of exclusive use and right to operate such inventions in certain limited areas in the province.

AN important mining sale took place this week, when the Consolidated Ominecа Mining Company purchased the interests and property of the Caledonia Mining Company on Germanson creek for the sum of $35,000. The hydraulic claims included in the purchase are some 800 acres of rich ground. The Caledonia company have had an offer from London capitalists of $135,000 for their own and the Consolidated ground.

THE tickets for the amusing extravaganza, "Babes in the Wood," have been issued and are selling rapidly. As this entertainment is given under the auspices of the Willing Workers of Christ Church cathedral in aid of the Sunday school fund and to raise the necessary means to defray the expenses of their annual Christmas tree and treat, it will no doubt on that account, as well as on its own intrinsic merits, be largely patronized.

THE residents in the neighborhood of the corner of Simcoe and South Turner streets have frequent cause for complaint against the electric light department. Should there be an entertainment at night in the Caledonian grounds, a ball in the Drill hall, or a dog fight that requires illumination the lamp from the aforesaid corner is taken away for the purpose and the narrow, shaded streets left in inky darkness. Next time it is done they promise to rise in anger and take revenge upon the swans in the park or do some other violent act that will compel the representatives of their ward to give them better treatment in future.

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Capt. Beach the "Man Fish" performs at Drill Hall concert, Monday night. x

ON account of to-day being Christmas Day, the regular weekly drill hall concert has been postponed till Monday evening, "boxing night," when Capt. Beach, who made such a decided hit at the last concert, will repeat his novel subaqueous performance.

"THE Klondyke Review" is the name of a new publication which it is announced is to appear weekly in this city. It is an interesting compilation of matter relating to the new Canadian gold fields and the advantages of Victoria as an outfitting point, and, with the map promised for future issues, should serve a useful purpose.

ON Sunday evening at their synagogue, on Blanchard street, Jewish residents will observe the "Festival of Dedication," so called because the temple was rededicated to the worship of God after the Jews under the leadership of the Maccabees had succeeded in inflicting a decisive defeat on their Syrian enemies. The commemorative day is also called the "Festival of Lights." The exercises on Sunday evening will consist of a public examination of the Sabbath school class by Rabbi Linczer, a recital by the children of the history of the Maccabean struggle for life and liberty, and the ceremony of the dedication of lights. At the conclusion of these exercises by the children, addresses will be delivered bearing upon the significance of the occasion from an historical and educational standpoint.

MR. CHRISTIAN MARKER, of the Dominion Dairy Commissioners' staff, is in town, the object of his visit being to make a trip through the farming districts to give instructions on improved methods of dairying. Mr. Marker has already made several visits to this province and it is very largely due to his excellent work when the Duncan creamery was first started that the product of that now flourishing concern early took a leading place on the market. Mr. Marker is thoroughly posted in his business and besides as he is already known to the farmers and well liked wherever he has been his choice by the government is a good one. He goes up to Duncan this morning and expects tomorrow to have his instructions as to the programme he is to carry out. For nearly a year past he has been giving instructions to the farmers in the Territories.

ONE of the features of the decoration of stores and display of goods this year is undoubtedly that of Mr. Lawrence Goodacre at the Queen's market. Mr. Goodacre has had a number of animals stall fed specially for Christmas, and the result is that some of the finest meat ever on sale here is now hanging inside his shop. Amongst the beeves is one four-year-old heifer which Mr. Goodacre asserts is the fattest animal he has ever seen, the fat on the ribs being no less than ten inches in thickness. Besides this there are a number of very fine turkeys and geese, most of them being colonial, which are, as can easily be seen, far ahead of the Eastern birds. Mr. Goodacre, with his usual enterprise, has opened negotiations with the large cattle breeders up country in anticipation of the rush to this city in the spring. Mr. Goodacre says the trade this Christmas has been heavier than ever before, the assistance at his store being hardly adequate to deal with the custom, the amount of beef sold in proportion to geese and turkeys being very large.

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A REAL GHOST STORY.

Two Strange Visitants Who at Night Appeared to a Citizen of Victoria.

White Figures Who Flitted Into an Undertaker's and Asked to Be Buried.

Though in these days of prosaic commonplace, many of the old-time Christmas ways are falling into disuse, still there is a lingering charm even to the minds of the "grown ups," not to mention the little people, of a thrilling ghost story. Who of those who have come from the colder parts of the world does not remember some night before the lights were lit, and when the forks of flame cast strange shadows on the wall, the little circle gathered round the grate while the story-teller was relating some blood-curdling tale in which ghosts bore a leading part? One who has not known this pleasure has lost—well, it is only those who have experienced it who can remember the delicious thrill of creepiness crawling up the back when a snap of the burning log, or the sudden falling of a coal on the fender, came just at the climax of the tale. Such great writers as Dickins and Thackeray well understood this feeling and ghost stories figure prominently in their Christmas tales. But though one often hears of ghosts, and though some fellow knew another fellow who saw one, it is very very infrequently the case that it is granted to any favored individual to see a real live ghost.

Just imagine what one would feel to see two ghostly figures flit into one's house and ask to be buried—two restless souls who begged to be laid at rest. Yet this is just what happened in this city of Victoria in these days of the commonplace.

On Thursday night, when the black clouds shrouded the moon and the far off electric light on Douglas street shone so as to hide the pitfalls in the sidewalk, a closed carriage suddenly pulled up in front of Hanna's undertaking rooms. The door of the vehicle was opened and from the coach there glided to the sidewalk two white figures, shrouded from head to foot in long flowing robes. At such a time of night no mortal man surely could have traversed six feet of sidewalk without becoming entangled in a nail or stubbing a toe on a projecting plank, but these ghostly figures flitted smoothly over the boards and entered the undertaker's shop.

Evidently these unquiet forms were weary of this world, for they had no sooner entered the store than they asked to be buried. There hung around these visitants a strange aroma, and by its scent the young man in the establishment knew that he was in the presence of spirits (apparently rye). He declined to bury the spirits; but one of them, stretching himself at full length in a coffin, begged to be buried. At this juncture Mr. Hanna returned and naturally, as the spirituous visitants had neglected their burial certificates, he as a good citizen had to refuse their pleadings. They might be dead, but without a certificate the poor spirits must float around and curse the red tape that forbade them to be interred without dying in the regular way.

Mr. Hanna not only refused to bury the strangers, but turned them out and telephoned to the police. Ghost stories were all very well to read about, but he had no use for any spirits at his place as he is a temperance man.

The police sallied forth to hunt the ghosts and later on captured one without his shroud, refreshing himself at a bar—and so it turned out that they were not ghosts after all, but a couple of young men who thought they were having a good time. The one captured was charged with being drunk, as he evidently was, and as he failed to show up in the police court yesterday morning his bail of $10 was forfeited. And so it turns out a very commonplace story after all; not nearly as interesting as if Mr. Hanna had taken the ghosts at their word and buried them.

THE city police are looking for the owners of a good silver watch with brass chain and a large silver locket with long chain, which they have in their possession and which they believe to have been stolen.

J. GRANT was sentenced to two months' imprisonment in the police court yesterday morning for having stolen a coat, valued at $12, belonging to Mr. W. D. McKillican. The coat, when stolen, was hanging up in Mr. McKillican's office on Langley street, and was found in the possession of Mrs. Badchuck, a second hand dealer, who admitted she had purchased the coat for the ridiculously low price of fifty cents, and for this she was severely reprimanded by the magistrate.

CERTIFICATES of registration of no fewer than eight extra provincial companies desirous of doing business in British Columbia are published in this week's Gazette. These are: The Chenango Mining Co. of Spokane, capital $1,000,000, registered head office in British Columbia at Waneta; the Great Western Mining Company of Spokane, capital $1,000,000, head office in British Columbia at Rossland; Iron Mask Gold Mining Co. of Spokane, capital $500,000, head office in the province at Rossland; Ontario Gold Mining Co. of Spokane, capital $1,000,000, head office in British Columbia at Rossland; Republic Gold Mining Co. of Spokane, capital $750,000, head office for British Columbia at Boundary; Virginia Gold Mining Co. of Spokane, capital $500,000, head office for British Columbia at Rossland; St. Mary Mining Co. of Spokane, capital $500,000, head office in British Columbia at Rossland; West Le Roi and Josie Consolidated of Spokane, capital $500,000, head office for British Columbia at Rossland; and Wonderful Group Mining Co. of Spokane, capital $1,000,000, head office for British Columbia at Sandon. These registrations are made under the provisions of the 1897 act requiring foreign companies doing business in the province to register a head office in British Columbia.

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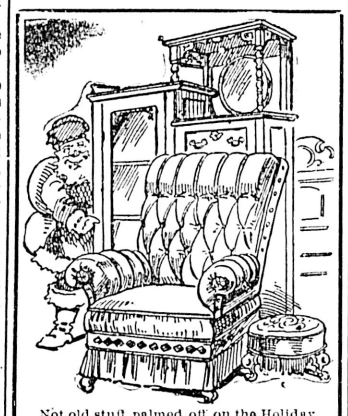

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The Inter-Island Trade Gives Promise of Rapid Growth—Notes of a Day.

F. C. Davidge & Co. are embarking in a new line of business this year—that of insurance, in which they have become the agents of no fewer than three companies thus far. This firm already represents a steamboat concern that expects to do a big business in connection with the northern rush. The first vessel that will sail under the company's flag will be the City of Nanaimo, which is scheduled to leave for northern ports on the 20th of January. Thereafter boats will sail from Victoria every alternate Thursday. What these vessels will be is yet a little uncertain. The City of Nanaimo is now plying on the Victoria-Comox run and her cabin service is the very best that can be found.

ENTRANCE ISLAND LIGHT.

The government steamer Quadra returned from Entrance island yesterday evening, whither she went on Friday night to renew the glass in the lighthouse at that point. The glass was broken by the overheating of the lamps.

THE "CLAYOQUOT'S" NEW RUN.

Steamer Clayoquot completed her maiden trip to the islands of the Gulf yesterday, returning to port with a considerable freight of apples and other farm produce, principally from Salt Spring. She leaves on the second trip of her new service on Wednesday, and will make virtually the same run, calling at all points of importance in the Gulf between here and Nanaimo. Although the steamer's schedule has not yet been arranged for permanent business, it is expected this will be the most important part of her run.

THE HELENSLEA A WRECK.

From a letter received at San Francisco, says the Port Townsend Leader, it would seem that the shipwrecked vessel sighted by the American ship J. B. Walker on Inaccessible island is neither the Craigend, the Taymount nor the Natuna, but the British steel bark Helenslea, and that she was wrecked there August 3 of this year. According to the letter, which is accepted by insurance people as authority, all the crew got ashore and remained on the island until the J. B. Walker hove in sight. Captain Davis of the Helenslea boarded the Walker and was offered a passage for himself and crew to Japan. This he refused, but asked Captain Wallace of the Walker to report him in order that somebody might be sent to to take them off. This has since been done.

THE SALMON FLEET.

The British bark Lebu, 726 tons, Captain Sandison, has cleared from Westminster with a cargo of canned salmon, direct for London, Eng. The Lebu, which is only the second so far to sail direct for London, is the ninth ship that has left the Fraser river this year with salmon, and she was to be followed in a day or two by the City of Adelaide, probably the last of this year's salmon fleet. The Lebu's cargo consisted of 31,362 cases of canned salmon, valued at, approximately, $133,288.

ENTERED.

Str. Charmer ..... from Vancouver.
" City of Kingston " Port Townsend.
" Clayoquot ..... " Nanaimo.
" Hope ..... " Vancouver.

CLEARED.

Str. Charmer ..... for Vancouver.
" City of Kingston. " Port Townsend.
" Hope ..... " Nanaimo.

AN ADVANCE CONTINGENT.

Party of Sixteen Men From California Here to Outfit For the Northern Gold Fields.

By the San Francisco steamer yesterday there visited Victoria sixteen men from Southern California who are bound for the Yukon gold fields. The party consists of J. E. Perrins, C. Kettle, F. E. Phenning, J. W. Burge, Fred Smith, Harvey Mitchell, William Wiltefelt, S. Wallace, G. J. Roller, Elmer D. Morrow, S. A. Thompson, Robert Shaw, J. V. Dilley, V. B. Dilley, E. E. Dilley and A. Taber. All of these, with the exception of the last four, who hail from Norwalk, California, come from Los Angeles. These men are all staying at the Dominion, and have come to Victoria to outfit and will soon leave for the gold fields by way of the Stickeen route. They have formed a co-operative company under the leadership of Mr. J. E. Perrins, who was until recently president of the New England Whip Company. Each of the sixteen has contributed a stated sum to the general fund, and it is part of the agreement no member can be released from the contract entered into unless by a two-thirds vote of the other members of the expedition, otherwise the member leaving forfeits all right to any share in the general outfit or fund.

Speaking last night of the intentions of the party Mr. Perrins said that after obtaining information from Dr. G. M. Dawson, Mr. William Ogilvie and other sources, and carefully considering the question of outfitting they decided to purchase their entire outfit in Victoria, and to go in by the Stickeen route. They also decided before leaving California to get their outfit from the Klondyke Mining, Trading and Transport Corporation of this city, and will not go directly through to Dawson, but will prospect first in the Stickeen district on their way. They have already a good deal of information in their possession and as the members of the party are of a good solid class they will start north under the most favorable auspices.

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THE ROLLING DEEP.

BY A. BANKER.

Those who "occupy their business upon the great waters," and whose home is on the rolling deep, these see the varied aspects of the ever-changing world of waters in far greater diversity than others; they see the great ocean in all its constantly alternating moods, now reposing in a peaceful calm, the wavelets gently rippling under the soft influence of the evening air, and reflecting the golden glory of the setting sun in ten thousand sparkling flashes of glittering rays; now in playful mood, overflowing, as it were with youthful life and vigour, every dancing wave revelling in the exuberance of blithesome glee, gladdening the heart of the mariner whose good ship is ploughing its rapid way through the main; and now in solemn gloom, morose and threatening, its angry waves soon to rise higher and higher until lashed into ungovernable fury, and foaming with violent rage and impetuosity, it seems to vent its wrath upon all intruders upon its domain in an infuriated attempt to engulf them in destruction.

Perhaps the most beautiful aspect of the ocean is that presented on a moderately calm night in the early summer, at a time when, in consequence of vast myriads of those minute animalculæ, the Miliary Voctiluca, having risen to the surface, the sea is in a so-called phosphorescent state. Standing upon the bridge of a paddle-wheel steamer a most marvellous and startling spectacle is now presented. The crest of every wave is aglow with liquid silver fire, the foam thrown in the air appearing as luminous rain, each advancing billow as it breaks against the vessel throwing high in air a great shower of scintillating light; the prow appears to cleave in twain a solid mass of burnished silver, which, however, immediately breaks into ten thousand sparkling gems, while the water thrown from the paddle wheel is one great coruscation of glittering fire, flashing in ever varying lustre, at one moment dazzling the eye with its bewildering brilliancy, at another subsiding into a less resplendent luminosity, again to break forth in renewed radiancy and splendor; the whole scene being a spectacle of infinite beauty and impressive wonder.

A very different aspect of the ocean is that presented by the spectacle of a great storm. It was the lot of the writer, a few years since, to experience one of the most severe storms of recent times in the Mediterranean Sea. He was returning from the Holy Land, and when the vessel was passing almost the identical spot where St. Paul encountered the historic tempest, the storm arose. To sleep was out of the question, as the furious pitching and rolling of the ship rendered it necessary to hold on tightly with both hands, otherwise the result would have been that he would have been shot out of his berth perhaps to the other end of the cabin. As the storm advanced in fury the giant waves continued to increase in violence, the vessel now mounting high up the overtowering wall of raging water, now descending headlong the foaming mass, and driving prow foremost sheer into the deep, at each terrific descent shipping a vast volume of the heaving surge, which, as the trembling ship again mounted the steep incline of the succeeding wave, rushed along the decks, carrying destruction in its way and flooding the cabins. The noise and uproar was now terrible. The howling tempest roared and thundered with appalling violence, the uproar being increased by the constant crashing of everything moveable, the boats one after another torn away and shattered to splinters, and the furniture dashing about, added to the awful tumult. And, sad to relate, above all the turmoil rose the terrified and agonized shrieks of some ladies in an adjoining cabin, who it must be feared had not "prepared to meet their God," for otherwise they would not have regarded the immediate and imminent prospect of meeting their Judge with such abject terror and dismay. For had they lived the life of the righteous they would have not feared to die the death of the righteous, for they would have been certain as they could be of anything that, as servants and children of Christ, all their sins had been absolutely atoned for by Him, and that when their time came for the great change to immortality, they would be received by Him into untold and rapturous joys and ecstatic, boundless pleasures for all eternity."

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NOTE—Supplies for the Klondyke Mines bought outside of Canada are subject to Customs Duties averaging over 30 per cent.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Announcements of Some Churches That Do Not Celebrate To-Day.

The Christmas preceding the Sunday so closely there will be no services today in the Methodist or Baptist churches, but at the Metropolitan Methodist church sermons and music throughout the Sunday will be of festal character. Rev. George F. Swinnerton occupying the pulpit in the morning, and the Rev. Rev. J. C. Speer being with his congregation in the evening, and taking for his theme "The Virgin and the Child." The order of preachers will be simply reversed so far as the James Bay church is concerned—Rev. J. C. Speer preaching there in the morning and Rev. Geo. F. Swinnerton at evening worship. In both churches special music will be presented, and a Christmas flavor will be given to the work of the Sunday schools. Similar holiday arrangements have been made by the choirs and pastors of the Centennial and Victoria West churches, in the former of which Rev. J. F. Betts preaches both morning and evening, while at the latter Rev. J. P. Hicks officiates.

At St. Andrew's Presbyterian church interesting services will be held to-morrow, the pastor, Rev. W. Leslie Clay occupying the pulpit and the choir presenting a select programme of music as below. The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor in connection with this church will as heretofore present a number of well-filled Christmas baskets to the poor of the city.

MORNING.

Organ offertory—"Noel" .....Guilmant
Paraphrase 20; Chant 241 .....
Hymns .....36, 245 and 38
Anthem—"O Zion, That Teliest" ..Stainer
Organ—Offertoire .....Batiste

EVENING.

Organ—"Largo" (Xerres).....Handel
Anthem—"Behold I Bring" .....Simper
Soprano Solo—"Hosanna" .....Quentin
Anthem—"Sing, O Heavens" ..... Tours
Tenor Solo—"Star of Bethlehem" Rodney
Organ—"Grand Chorus" .....Guilmant

Dr. Campbell will preach at both services at the First Presbyterian church, and the choir, under the leadership of Mr. J. G. Brown, will present a programme of special music. At St. Paul's church, Victoria West, the pastor, Rev. D. MacRae, preaching at both services. The annual Christmas entertainment for the children of the Sunday school will be held on Tuesday evening next in Semple's hall.

Will be found an excellent remedy for sick headache. Carter's Little Liver Pills. Thousands of letters from people who have used them prove this fact. Try them.

The Murdered Actor.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The estate of the late actor, William Terris, is estimated at between £40,000 and £50,000.

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The Foremost Medical Company in the World in the Cure of Weak Men Makes this Offer.

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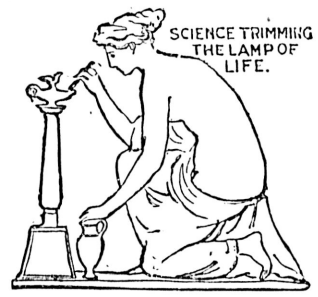

So much deception has been practiced in advertising that this grand old company now for the first time makes this startling offer:—

They will send their costly and magically effective appliance and a whole month's course of restorative remedies, **positively on trial without expense** to any honest and reliable man!

Not a dollar need be advanced—not a penny paid—till results are known to and acknowledged by the patient.

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They restore or create strength, vigor, healthy tissue and new life.

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NOTICES.

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ASSESSMENT ACT.

Notice is hereby given that the Court of Revision and Appeal will sit as follows:—

For the Electoral Districts of Victoria City:—At 51 Langley street, in the City of Victoria, on Monday the 10th and Tuesday 11th days of January, 1898, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For the Electoral District of South Victoria:—At the Royal Oak, on Friday, the 7th day of January, 1898, at 11:30 o'clock a.m., and at John Camp's, South Saanich, on Wednesday, the 12th day of January, 1898, at 12 o'clock noon.

For that portion of North Victoria Electoral District known as North Saanich:—On Saturday the 8th day of January, 1898, at the Sidney Hotel, Sidney, at 12 o'clock noon.

For the Electoral District of Esquimalt:—On Friday, the 31st day of December, 1897, at Henry Price's, Parson's Bridge, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For that portion of the Electoral Districts of Comox and Cassiar, known as the Coast, Rupert, Sayward and Quatsino Land Districts:—At 51 Langley street, Victoria, on Tuesday, the 28th day of December, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For that portion of the Cowichan-Alberni Electoral District known as Barclay and Clayoquot Land Districts:—At 51 Langley street, Victoria, on Wednesday, the 29th day of December, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m.

Dated at Victoria, this 6th day of Dec. 1897.

S. PERRY MILLS.
Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal.

NOTICE.

Owners of Placer claims are invited to send a few ounces of the black or grey sand obtained in washing the gravel for gold to "The Provincial Mineralogist, Bureau of Mines, Victoria," stating the name of the creek from which the sand is taken, and its locality.

It is believed that PLATINUM and perhaps IRIDIUM, are frequently passed over and lost by the prospector, as they have much the appearance of iron in the sand. These minerals are as valuable as gold, the latter more so, and if the placer claim owners will send the black or grey sand as aforesaid it will be assayed and the results given to the owner.

JAMES BAKER,
de14 Minister of Mines.

ESQUIMALT & NANAMO RAILWAY CO.

NOTICE.

To prospectors miners and holders of mineral claims on unoccupied land within the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company land grant *FOR ONE YEAR ONLY* from the date of this notice the Railway Company will sell their rights to all minerals (excepting coal and iron) and the surface rights of mineral claims, at the price of $5.00 per acre. Such sales will be subject to all other reservations contained in conveyances from the Company prior to this date. One half of the purchase money to be paid ten days after recording the claim with the Government, and a duplicate of the record to be filed in the Company's Land Office, Victoria, on payment of the first instalment The balance of the purchase money to be paid in two equal instalments, at the expiration of six and twelve months without interest. Present holders of minerals claims who have not previously made other arrangements with the Company for acquiring surface and mineral rights, are hereby notified to at once make the first payment on their claims, as otherwise they will be deemed and treated as trespassers.

LEONARD H. SOLLY,
Land Commissioner.
Victoria, B.C., June 1st, 1897. jo5

Union Steamship Co. of B.C., Ld

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NORTHERN SETTLEMENTS—SS. Comox sail from Company's wharf every Tuesday at 9 a.m for Bowen Island, Howe Sound, Sechelt, Jervi Inlet, Froeck, Texada Island, Lund, Hernando Island, Cortes Island, Read Island, Valdez Island, Shoal Bay, Phillips Arm, Frederick Arm Thurlow Island, Loughborough Inlet, Salmon River, Port Neville, and calls every Friday at 11 a.m. for way ports and Shoal Bay, calling at Bute Inlet every six weeks.

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TIME TABLE No. 29,

To take effect at 7 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 1897. Trains run on Pacific Standard Time.

GOING NORTH—READ DOWN.

	Daily	Sat'day
	A.M.	P.M.
Lv. Victoria for Nanaimo and Wellington	9:00	3:00
Ar. Nanaimo	14:15	6 11
Ar. Wellington	12:40	6 30

GOING SOUTH—READ UP.

	Daily	Sat'day
	A.M.	P.M.
Ar. Victoria	12:07	7:00
Lv. Nanaimo for Victoria	8:51	8:43
Lv. Wellington for Victoria	8:30	8.30

For rates and information apply at Company's offices.

A. DUNSMUIR, President. JOSEPH HUNTER. Gen'l Supt.

H. K. PRIOR, General Freight and Passenger Agent.
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ESQUIMALT & NANAIMO RAILWAY CO.

Commencing Monday, November 1, 1897, the

STEAMER City of Nanaimo, W. D. Owen, Master.

will sail as follows, calling at way ports as freight and passengers may offer:

Leave Victoria, Monday, 7 a.m.
" Nanaimo for Comox, Tuesday 7 a.m.
" Comox for Nanaimo, Thursday, 8 a.m.
" Nanaimo for Victoria, Friday, 7 a.m.

For freight or staterooms apply on board, or at the Company's ticket office, Victoria Station, Store street. no15-tf

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C. P. Navigation Co. Ld.

TIME TABLE NO 31.
Takes effect November 18th. 1897.

VANCOUVER ROUTE.

Victoria to Vancouver—Daily, except Monday, at 1 o'clock.

Vancouver to Victoria—Daily, except Monday, at 13:15 o'clock, or on arrival of C.P.R. No. 1 train.

NEW WESTMINSTER ROUTE.

LEAVE VICTORIA for New Westminster, Ladner's Landing and Lulu Island—Sunday at 23 o'clock; Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 o'clock. Sunday's steamer to New Westminster connects with C.P.R. train No. 2 going East Monday.

For Plumper Pass—Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 o'clock.

For Moresby and Pender Islands—Friday at 7 o'clock.

LEAVE NEW WESTMINSTER for Victoria—Monday at 13:15 o'clock; Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.

For Plumper Pass—Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.

For Pender and Moresby Islands—Thursday at 7 o'clock.

NORTHERN ROUTE.

Steamships of this Company will leave for Fort Simpson and intermediate ports, via Vancouver, the 1st and 15th of each month at 8 o'clock. And for Skidgate on first of each month.

BARCLAY SOUND ROUTE.

Steamer Tees leaves Victoria for Alberni and Sound Ports the 15th and 30th of each month.

The Company reserves the right of changing this Time Table at any time without notification.

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Leave.		Arrive.
7:00 a.m....	Spokane....	7:00 p.m.
10:30 a.m....	Rossland....	3:25 p.m.
9:00 a.m.....	Nelson	5:20 p.m.

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The Company's elegant steamers *City of Puebla*, *Walla Walla* and *Umatilla*, carrying H.B.M. Mails, leave *Victoria, B.C.*, for San Francisco, at 8 P.M., Dec. 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, Jan. 4, 9, 14, 19, 24, 29, Feb. 3, 8 13, 18, 23, 28. Due at San Francisco A.M., Dec 8, 13, 18, 23, 28, Jan. 2, 7, 12, 17, 22, 27, Feb 1, 6, 11, 16, 21, 26, Mar. 3. Leave *San Francisco* for Victoria, B.C., at 9 A M, Dec. 2, 7, 12, 17, 22, 27, Jan. 1, 6, 11, 16, 21, 26, 31, Feb. 5 10, 15, 20, 25 Due at Victoria, A.M., Dec. 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, Jan. 4, 9, 14, 19, 24, 29, Feb. 3, 8, 13, 18, 23, 28.

The elegant steamers *Corona* and *City of Topeka* leave *Victoria* for Alaska Dec. 6, 11, 21, 26, Jan. 5 10, 20, 25, Feb. 4, 9, 19, 24. Due back at Victoria Dec. 18, 23, Jan. 2, 7, 17, 22, Feb 1, 6, 16, 21 Mar 3, 8.

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"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

CANADA.
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,}
No. 24-'97.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that "The Klondyke Mining, Trading and Transport Corporation, Limited," is authorised and licensed to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia, and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects hereinafter set forth to which the Legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate at 23 Leadenhall Street, in the City of London, England.

The amount of the capital of the Company is £250,000, divided into 250,000 shares of £1 each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at No. 30 Broad Street, Victoria, and Caldwell Ashworth, gentleman and free miner, of same address, is the attorney for the Company.

The objects for which the Company has been established are—

(*a*) To acquire in the Dominion of Canada and elsewhere by purchase, lease, concession, exchange or otherwise, mining property, claims, water rights, and also including lands, mines, mining rights and claims, minerals, ores, mills, stamps, smelting and other works for treating ores and minerals and rendering them marketable metals, including also all kinds of building, machinery and plant useful or supposed to be useful in mining, milling, treating or reducing ores or minerals, and any concessions, grants, decrees, claims, rights or privileges whatsoever which may seem to the Company capable of being turned to account, and to work, develop, carry out, exercise and turn to account the same, and to dispose of any such concessions, grants, decrees, claims, or privileges.

(*b*) To carry on all kinds of exploration business and, in particular in relation to mines and minerals, to seek for and secure openings for capital, and with a view to any of the objects aforesaid, to prospect, enquire, examine, explore and test, and to despatch and employ expeditions, commissions, experts or other agents. To establish and carry on general stores and to manufacture, import, export, purchase and sell articles for sale therein in Canada, England or elsewhere, and carry on any works in connection therewith, and to carry on business as traders, merchants, storekeepers, general dealers, brokers, hotel, restaurant, cafe, tavern, beerhouse and refreshment room keepers, licensed victuallers, wine and spirit merchants proprietors of clubs, baths, places of amusement and shops, tobacco and cigar merchants, carriage builders, wheelwrights, horsedealers, newspaper proprietors, booksellers, printers, publishers, stationers, miners, farmers, stockmen, graziers, carriers, builders and contractors, brickmakers and any kindred trade or business which may be conveniently carried on in connection therewith, and all kinds of agency business and any other kind of business which seems calculated directly or indirectly to further the working and development of any concession, rights or property of the Company or otherwise benefit the Company.

(*c*) To carry on all kinds of promotion business and in particular to form, constitute, float, lend money to, assist and control any companies, partnerships, associations, or undertakings whatsover.

(*d*) To acquire by purchase, lease, license, or otherwise, absolutely or conditionally, the rights, either generally or exclusively, over any area or areas of or in all or any patent rights or processes or mechanical or other contrivances useful or supposed to be useful for any of the purposes of the Company, and to deal with or dispose of the same or any interest therein respectively.

(*e*) To lay out towns, and villages, on the lands acquired or controlled by the Company, and to construct, maintain, alter, make and work railways, tramways, telegraph lines, canals, reservoirs, wells, aqueducts, roads, streets, hotels, boarding houses, dwelling houses, factories, shops, stores, gas and water works, piers, wharves, buildings, machinery and other works and appliances of every nature and description, which may be expedient or useful or deemed to be expedient or useful for the purposes of the Company, and to contribute to the cost of making, providing, and carrying on, and working the same.

(*f*) To carry on any business, the carrying on of which the Company may think directly or indirectly conducive to the development of any property in which it is interested.

(*g*) To sell, improve, manage, develop, lease, mortgage, dispose of, or otherwise deal with, all or any part of the property of the Company.

(*h*) To prospect, explore, and develop the resources of the said lands and hereditaments by building, planting, clearing, mining, and otherwise dealing with the same, and to stock the same or other lands, to cut and to sell timber, and generally to mine and carry on all sorts of mining operations in the Dominion of Canada, or any other part of the globe.

(*i*) To purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire, settle, improve, colonize, farm, and cultivate lands and hereditaments in the Dominion of Canada and elsewhere.

(*j*) To stock the same or other lands, and to breed and deal in all kinds of stock, cattle, sheep and produce.

(*k*) To work and carry on all or any mines, works and properties from time to time in possession of the said Company in such manner as the directors for the time being may determine; to erect all necessary mills and machinery, and appliances, smelting works, laboratories, workshops, dwelling houses and other buildings; construct, maintain, and alter canals, railways, watercourses, tramways, telegraph lines, or any other lines or system of communication whether by telegram, telephone, phonograph, phonophone, or otherwise, by electricity or by pneumatic force or otherwise, reservoirs, wells, aqueducts, gas and water works, drainage works, irrigation works, wharves, piers, and other works of every nature and description, purchase, rent, hire, or charter wagons, steam or sailing ships, to enter into and carry out such contracts and arrangements as may be deemed necessary and desirable to enable the Company to carry on its business and for the general conduct and management of its affairs and the doing of all such other things as may be found incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects, whether in the Dominion of Canada, Great Britain or elsewhere.

(*l*) To buy, sell, manufacture and deal in all kinds of goods, stores, implements, provisions, chattels and effects capable of being used or required by the Company or its workmen, or by any other persons who may settle on the property of the Company, or by others, and for that purpose to carry on the business of a general shopkeeper or merchant.

(*m*) To purchase, build, charter, equip, load (either on commission or otherwise), sell, repair, let out to hire and trade with steam or other ships, boats and vessels of all kinds. To carry on the business of carriers by land and water.

(*n*) To acquire by grant, purchase or otherwise, concessions of any property or privileges from any government, British, Colonial or foreign, and to perform and fulfil the terms and conditions.

(*o*) To obtain any act of Parliament or law or order of any Colonial or foreign legislature or government for enabling the Company to carry any of its objects into effect.

(*p*) To promote, form and register other Companies, in England or in any Colony, dependency, foreign country, state or territory, for the purpose of acquiring all or any of the property and liabilities of this Company, or for all or any of the objects mentioned in this Memorandum, or for advancing directly or indirectly the objects or interests thereof, and to take or otherwise acquire and to underwrite and hold shares, debentures or other securties in or of any such company, and to guarantee the payment of any debentures or other securities issued by any such company.

(*q*) To take or otherwise acquire and hold shares, debentures, bonds, or other securities of or in any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company, or carrying on any business capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this Company.

(*r*) To enter into partnership or into any arrangement for sharing profits, union of interests, or co-operation with any person or company carrying on or about to carry on any business or transaction capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this Company, and to take or otherwise acquire and hold shares or stock in any such Company. To aid in the establishment and support of associations for the benefit of persons employed by or having dealings with the Company, and in particular friendly societies.

(*s*) To carry on all kinds of financial or banking business, and in particular to negotiate loans and advances, to offer for subscription, place, buy, deal in, make merchantable, sell and dispose of ores, minerals, goods, bullion, specie, and valuables of all kinds, and merchandise generally in the Dominion of Canada, Great Britain, or elsewhere, and to receive money on deposit, and to collect revenue of all kinds.

(*t*) To sell the undertaking of the Company or any part thereof for such consideration as the Company may think fit, and in particular for shares, debentures, or securities of any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company. To distribute any of the property of the Company among the members in specie, but so that no distribution amounting to a reduction of capital be made without the sanction of the Court, where necessary. To amalgamate with any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company. To purchase or otherwise acquire and undertake all or any part of the business, property and liabilities of any person or company carrying on any business which this Company is authorized to carry on, or possessed of property suitable for the purposes of this Company.

(*u*) To make, accept, endorse and execute, promissory notes, bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments. To lend money, and in particular to persons having dealing with the Company. To raise money in such manner as the Company shall think fit, and in particular by the issue of debentures charged upon all or any of the Company's property (both present and future) including its uncalled capital or any specified portion thereof. To guarantee the performance of contracts by members of, or persons having dealings with the Company.

(*v*) To acquire patent rights and privileges in the United Kingdom or any other country or colony or state for any purposes deemed to be useful for the Company, and to resell the same or turn the same to account by manufacturing thereunder, granting licenses or otherwise.

(*w*) To lend money to any company, partnership, person, or association upon security of their or his undertaking, property, estate, assets, and effects, or any part thereof, upon such terms as may be deemed expedient, and to take such security either in the shape of mortgages, mortgage debentures, or in any other form, or to lend money in Canada or Great Britain or elsewhere with or without security. To make donations to such persons and in such cases as may seem expedient, and to subscribe for any purposes, whether charitable or benevolent, or for any public, general, or useful object.

(*x*) To pay the costs, charges, and expenses of, or in connection with the formation and incorporation of the Company, and to remunerate any person or persons for services rendered or to be rendered to the Company, either in cash or in shares of the Company, either wholly or partly paid up.

(*y*) To establish and maintain agencies of this Company in any colony or foreign state, and to procure the Company to be registered or incorporated in any colony or foreign state.

(*z*) To do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects, either alone or in partnership or in conjunction with any person or other association, and either as principals or agents, and including a power to pay brokerage or commission for services rendered in obtaining or guaranteeing or underwriting capital for the Company or otherwise.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this eleventh day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

[L.S.] S. Y. WOOTTON,
de11 Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

No. 11-'97.

Certificate of the Registration of an Extra-Provincial Company.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

"Star Exploring and Mining Company."

Registered the 13th day of December, 1897.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day registered the "Star Exploring and Mining Company" as an Extra-Provincial Company under the "Companies Act, 1897."

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The time of the existence of the Company is fifty years

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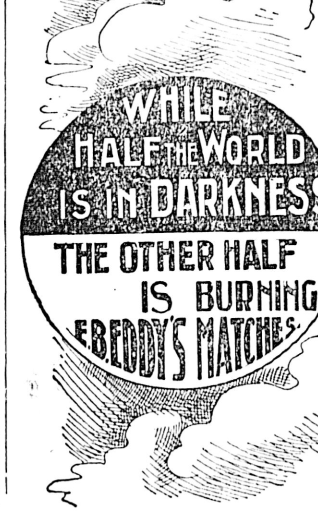
Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this thirteenth day of December 1897.

[L.S.] S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.



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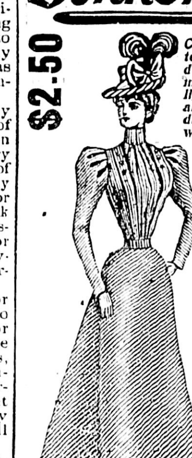

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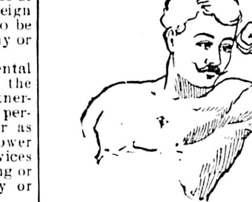

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HERBERT E. A. ROBERTSON,
8 Bastion Square, Victoria, B.C.,
de 10 Solicitor for the applicants.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act to incorporate a company with power to construct, equip maintain and operate, by any kind or kinds of motive power, either a standard or narrow-gauge railway, for the purpose of conveying passengers, freight and merchandise from Teslin Lake, in the Province of British Columbia, in a southerly direction to some point on the Pacific coast or inlets thereof, in the said Province; with power to construct, equip, maintain and operate branch lines and all necessary roads, bridges, ways, ferries, wharves, docks, elevators and railway stations in connection therewith, and generally to carry on the business of transportation; to erect, maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and any branches thereof; and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes aforesaid; to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges or other aids from any government, municipal corporation, or other persons or bodies corporate; and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using, and on all freight passing over the said railway or any of its branches; together with all such other powers, rights and privileges as may be necessary or incidental to the attainment of the foregoing objects or any of them.

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LONDON MINING MEETING.

Outlook for a Corporation in Which Many Prominent Victorians Are Interested.

The statutory general meeting of the shareholders of the British Columbia and New Find Goldfields Corporation, Limited, was held in London on the 3rd inst., at the Cannon Street hotel, E.C. Mr. Arthur Fell presided.

The chairman said: Gentlemen, this is the statutory meeting of the company, and we have no report or balance sheet to present to you. We are glad to make your acquaintance, and will state shortly what has been done since the incorporation of this company. It was registered on August 3rd last, and the shares were allotted on that date, and on August 18th I sailed to British Columbia to make the personal acquaintance of those members of the local board whom I had not already had the pleasure of knowing. I had previously known Mr. Turner, the premier of British Columbia. When out there I made arrangement in Victoria for an agency of the company in that town. Mr. Kirk was appointed a local secretary to the company, and the board arranged to have its meetings there whenever it was necessary, and the members of the board also arranged to supply the secretary with all the information they could give with respect to any properties it might be advantageous for us to take up. Referring to this local board, it is a particularly strong one. We have the advantage of Mr. R. P. Rithet. He is, amongst other things, the president or chairman of the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company, which is a large local steamship company trading to all parts of British Columbia, and also conducting the mail service. This steamship company will, I believe, be instrumental in carrying a large amount of ore from the different mines to the smelters, and the directors of the company, and particularly the president, will from this gain very large and varied information respecting mines round the coast. Then we have Mr. Turner, who is the senior partner of a firm of merchants in Victoria and Nelson, and with branches in many other places in British Columbia. I refer to him as a business man and not as a premier of the country, for happily mining in British Columbia has nothing whatever to do with politics. The mining laws are most liberal, and, as far as I can gather, the government intends to reap its reward not from the taxation of the mines, but by the increase of the commerce in the country, and the large receipts which will come from import duties. This, I take it, is a proper and liberal way of treating a mining industry. The other local directors are Mr. Hall, who is a well known merchant in British Columbia, and I had the pleasure of meeting him and Colonel Prior, whom we had here a little time back, but who has returned to British Columbia, and I no doubt that the combination of these trading merchants and the head of this steamship company will be able to give us every information that is possible with regard to the remunerative employment of capital in the district with which they are also familiar. We, at any rate, first propose to devote our labors to the Island of Vancouver and the coast of British Columbia. The mines at Rossland are, as you are aware, at present yielding large returns, and they are priced at a very high figure. To buy any one of those mines would take a great deal more capital than we should be disposed to put in, particularly at the present time, when the British public are not fully alive to the advantages of investing in British Columbia mines. After giving illustrations of the mineral wealth of the country, the chairman went on to say: One of the businesses we have in hand is connected with a large going concern, one of the largest in British Columbia. The "deal" is not yet completed, and in all probability if I referred to it in detail we might damage it. If successfully negotiated the company will reap a large benefit indeed. We have also another large deal, which I would rather not more closely specify. It relates to copper and gold mines and their development. Another interest we have is that of founders's shares in the Yukon Goldfields. We have 160 founders' shares in this company. It was formed at the end of July last year, and I am taking credit for that company for the excellent arrangements being made, it being the only English company floated here which has succeeded in getting men through to Dawson City. The last news from them was that they were sailing down the lake in a boat with one and a half years' provisions and fair wind before them. They expected to reach Dawson City within about 15 days. With any reasonable luck they should now be in Dawson City, and well equipped with money and provisions. After alluding to the great interest which was taken in Klondyke by the Americans, the chairman said: We may not have such faith as the Americans, but the latter believe that Klondyke is going to be the biggest thing of the kind this century, and that it will even eclipse the time of 1849. The opinions in the United States hold them the next year or the year after. The secretary of this company is a gentleman who knows everybody in British Columbia, his father being chairman of our local board. We have recently made a call of 5s. per share making 15s. paid, payable on December 15th, and we propose, in two or three months' time to call up the remaining 5s., making the shares fully paid. We are advised by our broker that there can be no real market in the shares until they are fully paid. If the "deal" I have mentioned to you succeeds—and I have every reason to believe that it will—we may require the funds, but I will not at the moment refer further to this matter, which we hope and fully expect will be carried through. A cordial vote of thanks to the chairman was then passed, who, in reply, said that at the next annual meeting he hoped to present a report which would be satisfactory to the shareholders.

THE SPINKS INVESTIGATION.

Proceedings at the Opening Session Held at Vernon.

At the court house, Vernon, Mr. Justice McColl sat in commission to investigate certain charges against His Honor W. W. Spinks, County court judge of Yale district. The case has attracted considerable interest in this district, and many conjectures have been made regarding the nature of the complaints, as they had not been made public prior to the sitting of the commissioner. Mr. Charles Wilson appeared for Judge Spinks, and Mr. H. Henderson, of New Westminster, represented the Crown. Several letters which had been sent to Sir Oliver Mowat, Minister of Justice, in June last, were read, as containing the complaints to be investigated.

Peter T. McCallum, J.P., wrote from Grand Forks, amongst other things, that: "It is a well recognized fact that Judge Spinks, during the period above mentioned, has rarely, if ever, appeared at the different places appointed throughout the district for the holding of County courts, but is always from two to three days late, allowing suitors and witnesses, and persons in custody or on trial, to wait his pleasure, thereby causing them great loss of time and entailing great unnecessary expense." "It is also charged that he violates his oath of office in allowing influence to be used upon him and acquitting guilty men, two marked cases of this nature have occurred in this district within the past twelve months. It is also an admitted fact that Judge Spinks is one of the members of a clique in Grand Forks, who are owners of the townsite, and members of this clique have been known to boast that no action could succeed against them while Judge Spinks sat on the bench."

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James H. Falconer of Victoria wrote as a visitor to Grand Forks as follows: "There is a matter which as a Liberal and a friend I deem it my duty to acquaint you of, viz., the conduct of W. W. Spinks, judge of Yale district. I am at a loss to use words to convey my impressions regarding his unseemly conduct, but it is simply appalling. If ever an investigation was necessary to inquire into the conduct of any man it is necessary in this case for the good name of your department, and for the glaring atrocities and extreme favoritism shown by this official."

Mr. Justice McColl, upon being commissioned to investigate the complaints, notified Messrs. McCallum and Falconer and also Mr. Jas. Kerr, J.P., who also had written, to send him particulars before the 1st of December. Judge Spinks was also notified of the charges, and made acquainted with the nature of the complaints. Neither Messrs. McCallum, Kerr nor Faulkner responded to the letter from the Judge's secretary, and His Lordship expressed surprise that the communication had been thus ignored by them. But R. G. Sidley, J.P., answered a letter from the commissioner's clerk, setting forth his grounds for complaint at some length, and mentioning several specific cases in which he alleged wrongdoing.

Mr. Justice McCall said that since Mr. Sidley could not attend at Vernon he would hold another session at Midway.

Mr. Wilson then called some witnesses, including C. F. Costerton, W. M. Cochrane and F. Billings.

There being no further evidence to produce, and Mr. Henderson having nothing to say at this stage of the proceedings, his Lordship adjourned the court to meet at Midway on December 21, at 2 o'clock, stating that if necessary another session would be held at Vernon at a date hereafter to be fixed.

THE PROVINCIAL MUSEUM.

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To the active mind there is perhaps no field of learning that offers such scope for interesting and educative knowledge, as that of Natural history. The collection of the different species of birds, animals, etc., that are to be found in any country, and a scientific examination of the same, is of course impossible, but the gathering together of these, for the entertainment and instruction of the people of a community or province is quite practicable. Throughout the Dominion of Canada museums have been built by the different governments of the provinces and the districts, each of which contains interesting collections of the specimens peculiar to that province. Much time and money are required to establish and maintain such institutions, and the province of British Columbia is to be congratulated upon having in a comparatively few years, built up under Mr. John Fannin's supervision what is recognized by all visitors as well as by scientific men to be not only one of the best kept, but also one of the most interesting in Canada. Henry M. Ami, M.A., D.Sc., F.G.S., of the Geological Survey of Canada, in his report on the state of the principal museums in Canada and Newfoundland, ranks that of British Columbia among the best equipped in the Dominion. Since his report, which gives 11,000 specimens arranged and classified for reference, upwards of 7,000 have been added. Good collections of rocks, minerals and fossils of British Columbia and other parts of Canada are here to be seen, and Mr. Ami refers to the Newton H. Chittenden collections in ethnology as of special value and interest.

He also gives the following types: Two type specimens of birds, (1) Melospiza Lincolnii, Brewster; (2) Zaprora Salivus, Jordan, from near Nanaimo, Gulf of Georgia, B.C.

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5 a.m..	49°		
9 a.m..	41°	Highest 45°	5 a.m.—Calm.
1 p.m..	43°		1 p.m.—12 N.
5 p.m..	43°	Lowest 39°	9 p.m.—2 N.
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PERSONAL.

W. A. Ward is home from the Mainland.

C. C. Worsnop, of Vancouver, is in the city.

Joseph Hunter, M. P. P., is back from Cariboo.

R. T. Elliott has returned from a trip to New York.

Senator Templeman returned last night from the Mainland.

Mr. Justice McCreight arrived from Westminster last night.

J. W. Creighton, of Westminster, is spending Christmas in Victoria.

Wm. Dee and Mrs. Dee are over from Vancouver to spend Christmas.

Charles Rattray yesterday morning returned from a trip to the Sound.

Capt. W. Fitzstubbs, of Trail, B.C., is spending Christmas at the Occidental.

F. Victor Austin has gone to spend Christmas in Nanaimo with his brother and sister.

William F. Cochrane and wife, of Macleod, Alberta, and F. Centrebell, of London, are guests at the Dallas.

James Beckwell, a professor of music in the newly incorporated city of Cumberland, where he is an aspirant for mayoralty honors, was in town yesterday.

Mrs. Robertson and child, Union; E. G. Plumper Pass; A. Mayea, Cowichan Lake; W. S. Williams, Westholme; C. Le Lievre, Nanaimo; E. Johnson, Clayoquot; D. Wessel, Clayoquot; and Jas. Fairhall and wife, Vancouver, are guests at the Occidental.

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DIED.

ROBERTS—At the family residence, No. 8 Blanchard street, on December 24th, Richard Roberts, a native of Liverpool, England, aged 72 years.

The funeral will take place on Monday, Dec. 27th, at 2:30 p.m., from the family residence, 8 Blanchard street. Friends will please accept this intimation.

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Following the precedent of the many centuries, the members of the Roman Catholic Church observe Christmas with becoming honor to Him whose nativity it marks for all time. The great altar has been tastefully arrayed in flowers, and will as usual be lighted by the customary multitude of candles, each symbolic and carrying a lesson to the understanding mind. The midnight service has for reasons been dispensed with, and the exercises of to-day will take the following order: Solemn High Mass, 6:30 a. m., with Rev. J. Leterme as celebrant, Rev. J. Nicolaye as deacon, and Rev. J. Althoff as sub-deacon; low mass, 8:30 a.m., and solemn high mass, 10:30 a.m., Rev. J. Althoff being the celebrant, Rev. J. Nicolaye, deacon, and Rev. J. Leterme subdeacon and preacher at this latter service. The special music, as arranged by Mr. C. A. Lombard, the conductor, includes Lejiale's third mass in B flat, consisting of No. 1 Kyrie and No. 2 Gloria in Excelsis. At the 10:30 service the following come in the order given: The sermon, the credo, the sanctus, the benedictus, the Agnus Dei and the offertory bass solo by Mr. Grizzelle. The other soloists of the occasion are Miss McNiff, soprano; Miss Burnes and Miss Sehl; Miss Lombard, Miss Stewart and Miss Godyn, alto; Mr. F. Lang, tenor; and Messrs. Sehl and Olivier, bass. Miss Lombard presides at the organ, and a repetition of at least a portion of the Christmas music is promised for the Sunday following.

All the Anglican churches of the diocese are also bright to-day in the brilliant green and effective red of holly, while the artistic taste of the ladies is evidenced in the harmonious draping of chancels, fonts, lecterns, pulpits and other important sections of the church interiors. The collections in all the churches to-day will be for the widows and orphans' fund, while the following arrangement of services is announced:

At Christ Church cathedral—Holy communion, 7 a.m. and 8 a.m.; 11 a.m., morning prayer with sermon by the Bishop of Columbia, to be followed by a celebration of holy communion and include the following interesting special music:

Voluntary—"Hallelujah Chorus"....Handel
Processional Hymn.....
Venite—Psalms for the Day.....
Te Deum.....Jackson
Benedictus.....Garrett
Anthem—"While Shepherds Watched"....W. T. Best
Hymns 59 and 69.....
Kyrie in F.....K. J. Middleton
Communion—Andante Pastorale.....Wely

On Sunday—to-morrow—there will be the usual Lord's Day services, the rector, Rev Canon Beanlands, preaching in the morning, and carols taking the place of the customary evensong discourse. The music for the day is arranged as hereunder:

MORNING.

Voluntary—"Hallelujah Amen"..Handel
Processional Hymn.....59
Venite.....
Psalms for the day.....
Te Deum.....Jackson
Benedictus.....Garrett
Anthem—"While Shepherds Watched"....W. T. Best
Hymns.....62 and 69
Voluntary—"Christmas Offertorium"....Eugene Thayer

EVENING.

Voluntary—"Sing Unto God"....Handel
Processional Hymn.....59
Psalms for the Day.....
Magnificat, Nunc Dimittis, in F....Simper
Anthem—"Sweeter Than Songs of Summer".....Bridge
Carols—
"Ring out, ye bells."
"Now lies in David's city."
"It came upon the midnight clear."
"The first Christmas."
"Hail, thou ever blessed morn!"
"Carol, sweetly carol."
"Good news I bring of peace."
Offertory organ solo — Nocturne—"Songs in the Night".....Spinney
Recessional Hymn.....69
Voluntary—Third movement of Christmas sonata—"Allegro Vivace..Dienel

To-day's services at St. Barnabas' church, corner of Cook street and Caledonia avenue, take the following order, the rector, Rev. J. B. Haslam, preaching the sermon, and also occupying the pulpit at all sessions of worship to-morrow: Matins at 10:30 and choral holy eucharist at 11. The music will be as follows:

Adlam's communion service in F.
Hymns.....59, 323 and 324
Organ voluntaries:
"Thou That Tellest Good Tidings of Zion".....Handel
Pastorale.....Spohr
Andante in F.....Spark

The services on Sunday will be: Holy eucharist, 8 a.m.; choral matins, 11 a.m.; and choral evensong, with processions, at 7 p.m. The following appropriate music has been chosen:

MORNING.

Hymns.....7, 59 and 167
Organ voluntaries:
"Comfort Ye My People".....Handel
"The Pastoral Symphony".....Handel
Chorus—"Glory to God in the Highest".....Handel

EVENING.

Hymns.....60, 62 and 98

The organ voluntaries, with violin accompaniment, will be:

"He Shall Feed His Flock".....Handel
Largo in G.....Handel
Chorus—"Hallelujah".....Handel

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis..Simper in F
Anthem—"O Zion, That Bringest Good Tidings".....Stainer
Te Deum, to festal Gregorian setting.

In the "little iron church" of St. John Rev. Percival Jenns, the rector, will celebrate holy communion at 8 a.m. and after the morning service, the musical arrangements for the latter being:

Organ Voluntary—"O, Thou That Tellest".....Handel
Te Deum in D.....Sullivan
Jubilate in G.....Stewart
Anthem—"There Were Shepherds Abiding in the Field"....M. B. Foster
Treble solo, Master Thomas; baritone solo, Mr. Monro.
Hymns.....61 and 60

On Sunday the usual services will be held morning and evening, Rev. Percival Jenns preaching at the former and in the evening the Lord Bishop. The musical arrangements for Sunday are:

MORNING.

Organ Voluntary—"Comfort Ye My People".....Handel
Te Deum in D.....Sullivan
Jubilate in G.....Stewart
Anthem—"We Have Seen His Star in the East".....E. A. Clare
Hymns.....59 and 62
Organ Voluntary—"Glory to God in the Highest".....Handel

EVENING.

Organ Voluntary—"The Pastoral Symphony," from the "Messiah"..Handel
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis..Simper in F
Anthem—"There Were Shepherds Abiding in the Field.....M. B. Foster
Hymns.....60 and 37
Organ Voluntary—"For Unto Us Is Born a Child."....Handel

St. James' church, which has been decorated with especially good taste, will be the scene of special services at 8 and 11 this morning, when appropriate Christmas music will be presented by the choir under the direction of Mr. George Jay, jr. There will also be a celebration of holy communion at 12 noon. The special music will be repeated at the ordinary church services to-morrow.

At St. Saviour's church there will be holy communion at 8 a.m., morning prayer and full choral celebration of holy communion at 11 a.m., and evening prayer at 4 p.m. The music for the 11 o'clock service is arranged as hereunder:

Hymn.....59
Special Psalms.....
Te Deum.....Sullivan
Jubilate.....Hayes
Hymns.....69, 61 and 322

Services will be held at this church on Sunday as follows: Holy communion at 8 a.m.; morning prayer at 11 a.m.; children's carol service at 3 p.m., and evening prayer, with carols, at 7 p.m.

No special announcements are made for St. Paul's Esquimalt, or St. Luke's, Cedar Hill, each of which has, however, been made bright with green and holly, while the perfume of many flowers rises as nature's incense from chancel and pulpit and font. Here, as in all the other churches of the diocese, the sermons and music, both to-day and to-morrow, will be appropriate to the present festival.

In no place is more effective work in the decorative line to be noted than at the Church of Our Lord, Reformed Episcopal, the general plan for the adornment of which was conceived by Miss Cridge and carried out with the assistance of several of the younger members of the congregation. The lectern was arranged by Miss Devereux, the reading desk by the Misses Green, the font by Mrs. R. Jones, Mrs. Helmcken and Miss McTavish, the choir stalls by Miss Hibben and Miss Clarke, the communion rails by Mrs. Wilson, the chancel windows by Miss L. Carr and Miss Lawson, the window sills by Miss E. Wilson and Miss Hayward, and the lamps by the Misses Carr. The banners at the end of the church were designed and superintended by Rev. Dr. Wilson, assisted by Messrs. Brown and Chatfield. To-day's service will be in the morning only, while to-morrow there will be religious exercises at all the usual hours, with appropriate sermons and special music by the choir. Appended are the announcements of the choir leader:

CHRISTMAS MORNING.

Psalms for Christmas Day and Stainer's Service.....
Anthem—"Sing, O Heavens".....
Hymns—"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," "O Come All Ye Faithful"..

SUNDAY MORNING.

De Deum.....Sullivan
Benedictus.....Stainer
Anthem—"And There Were Shepherds".....

EVENING.

Anthem—"Sing, O Heavens".....
Stainer's Parisian Tones.....
Carols—"Cradled All Lowly," "In David's Royal City".....

Christmas services will be conducted in Temperance hall on Sunday by the Congregationalists, when the pastor, Rev. P. C. L. Harris, will preach in the morning a sermon to the children. In the evening his subject will be: "Ingersoll and his Christmas letter." Special Christmas music will be provided by the choir, which will sing the following carols:

"Angels From the Realms of Glory"..H. P. Howard
"See, the Morning Star is Dwelling"..J. E. Pinkham
"Hark! How the Bells".....Rev. J. T. Powell
"Christians, Listen While We Sing"..
"Through the Midnight Air".....F. W. Dawkins

The anthem for the evening service will be "Behold, I Bring You Good Tidings," by C. Simper, and the pastor will sing the beautiful and popular solo "The Star of Bethlehem, by Stephen Adams. The Sunday school and Bible class meet at 2:30 p.m., and the Y.P.S.C.E. immediately at the close of the evening service.

At the Y.M.C.A. rooms there will be an interesting lecture for men at 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

At Calvary Baptist church the pastor, Rev. Ralph W. Trotter, will conduct service on Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., a baptismal service being held at the close of the evening exercises, to receive eight Japanese converts into the communion of the church. A Japanese mission is shortly to be established here and maintained solely by the Baptists of this nationality, donations to the establishment of which are now being thankfully received. In Emmanuel church to-day there will be no services, but to-morrow the pulpit will be occupied at morning service by Rev. A. B. Winchester and in the evening by Mr. William Marchant—Mr. O. E. Kendall spending the holiday at his old home in Westminster. An artistic musical programme is arranged by the choir.

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